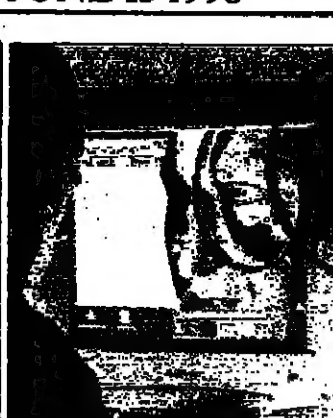


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You'll be in before 2002, says Chirac

Cook signals early British entry to EMU

By PHILIP WEBSTER AND CHARLES BREMNER IN CARDIFF

EUROPEAN Union leaders predicted yesterday that Britain would be in the single currency by 2002 as Robin Cook gave the strongest signal yet from the Government that entry could be early in the next century.

The Foreign Secretary issued a warning that investors from the United States and Japan would desert Britain if it stayed out for long. He said there was a limit to how long Britain could "sit on the fence" or stay on the sidelines without incurring severe economic penalties.

Mr Cook's message was that multi-million pound investment deals such as that announced by Honda in Swindon last week could be in jeopardy. His remarks came as President Chirac of France forecast that Britain would be in the single currency by 2002, saying he would bet on it. Jacques Santer, the European Commission President, agreed, declaring it was not a question of if Britain joined but when.

As Tony Blair and other leaders arrived in Cardiff for the two-day summit marking the end of the British presidency, Mr Cook went further than Mr Blair and even the euro enthusiasts. Gordon Brown, in predicting early British entry, said: "It is a great desire for us to be in the monetary union, but it is a matter for us to decide."

Mr Blair also gave notice that he would refuse to give any ground today to any suggestions that Britain's £2 billion rebate on the contribution to the EU budget might be renegotiated. "It has been very well established," he said. "And we will hold to it." Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, will today call for a reduction in Germany's £7 billion contribution.

Interviewed on BBC Television's *Breakfast with Frost* programme, the Foreign Sec-

retary said that a hard-headed assessment of British interests "may well" suggest signing up to the euro early in the next century. Mr Cook said there was a limit to how long you can sit on the fence and how "long you can sit on the sidelines".

He added: "The reality is that there will be people in Tokyo, people in Dallas, making investment decisions in Europe. At the present time they know that Britain has not ruled it out; they know that they have got a sensible government that is judging this on economic criteria. Therefore for the present time is no penalty for the British economy."

However, Mr Cook went on to issue a warning: "The longer the single currency goes on, the more it is seen to be a fact of life and there for the future, the more people making these investment decisions may start to ask themselves why invest outside that single core currency area rather than inside it."

"That is why at some point you are going to have to make the decision — if this is working, if it looks as if it is going to be a strong currency, perhaps replacing the dollar in some parts of the reserve currency, can we continue to stay on the sidelines? That balance of advantage will have to be struck by any responsible government."

Mr Cook said that at present Britain was in a different point on the economic cycle and the conditions for Britain to join and prosper were not there. "But we have said we are going to keep it under review and we will make up our minds on the basis of a hard-headed assessment of what is the economic advantage for Britain."

"That might well suggest that we are going to be joining some time early in the next century — but if we do take that decision the people will have the final veto through a

referendum. "In his interview in English on the same programme M Chirac said that by 2002 Britain and the other three countries not taking part in the first wave — Denmark, Sweden and Greece — would be in the single currency. Within 20 years most European countries would be members of the EU and the euro."

M Santer said he was "very much in favour of the constructive British position" on the euro. "It is no more a question of if Britain would join the euro, it is only a question of when."

M Chirac also threw his weight behind the efforts of Mr Blair over the next two days in the Welsh capital to focus the summit on reforming the EU's institutions.

He said that the institutions were created for an EU of six. "We are now 15 and to be frank they do not work very well. When we are more than 15 they will not work at all. The idea of a federal Europe was no longer there, he said. Everyone wanted a union of nation states. And he added that hundreds of decisions taken by the European Commission should not have been taken at that level."

M Chirac will call at the summit today for negotiations on the entry of Cyprus to be suspended until progress has been made in bringing the divided communities on the island together.

More than 8,000 farmers marched on Cardiff yesterday calling for an immediate end to the export ban on British beef.

Mr Blair said: "I totally understand and sympathise with the plight of the farmers which is why we have been working so hard to get the beef ban lifted. I can assure people in the farming industry we are alive to their feelings."

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An unhappy David Beckham jogs with teammates in Marseilles. Injury is said to have ruled the England midfielder out of today's match

Violence mars eve of England match

By ADRIAN LEE AND DAMIAN WHITWORTH IN MARSEILLES

ENGLAND football hooligans clashed with French police and rival supporters in Marseilles yesterday on the eve of their opening World Cup match against Tunisia.

Riot police using CS gas and dogs tried to contain hundreds of fans in the city's old port area. There were at least six arrests as English police worked with their French counterparts, pointing out the ring-leaders.

The violence yesterday was more serious than skirmishes on Saturday night, in which four England fans were arrested and two injured, and will jeopardise England's chances of hosting the 2006 World Cup. The latest trouble prompted Glenn Hoddle, the England coach, to urge supporters to behave.

In Britain, an unofficial holiday is expected to cause much of the nation to grind to a halt, with one in five workers planning to down tools for the match, according to a survey



for the Institute of Personnel and Development. In London, the Chamber of Commerce has dubbed today "Idle Monday" and forecasts that a combination of the football and a Tube strike will cost the capital at least £35 million.

Simon Sperry, the chief executive, said: "We in business will be wishing England all the best, but that does not mean firms should have to close down entirely. This is England's first match and there is hopefully a long way for the team to go in the tournament so it would be ridiculous to give England fans time off every time we play."

The Rail, Maritime and Transport union (RMT), which is organising the two-day strike, has been quick to draw attention to the benefit of staying away from work. A leaflet sent to its members urges them to "relax, put your

feet up and enjoy the football courtesy of the RMT." London Transport said it will be able to run half its services, but has advised passengers to find alternative routes.

In order to stem a tide of absenteeism, many firms have told their workers they will be allowed to watch the match on television or listen to it on the radio. At Peugeot plants, live commentary will be broadcast

to the factory floor. Many workers watching today's match can do so without fear because they have booked holidays to coincide with the match. Of 1,200 people surveyed by the Institute, only three per cent admitted they planned to call in sick.

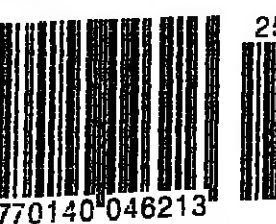
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RAF Jaguars join Nato show of force on Kosovo

FROM TOM WALKER IN PEC AND PHILIP WEBSTER

YUGOSLAV army units positioned surface-to-air missiles along Kosovo's border with Albania yesterday as former president Zoran Ljilic said that any Nato fighters entering federal airspace would be shot down.

British RAF Jaguars from No 6 Squadron will be among about 40 Nato aircraft which begin a show of strength over Albania and Macedonia today to reinforce a warning to President Milosevic to stop his crackdown on ethnic Albanians in the province.

Britain said last night that military action by Western forces might be necessary in Kosovo within days. Tony Blair arrived in Cardiff for the two-day European Union summit saying: "We will review every option and nothing is ruled out."

Volker Rühle, the German Defence Minister, said Nato action could be launched even without a new United Nations resolution.

In Kosovo, a 30-strong convoy of army vehicles, including three missile carriers, moved at speed along the road from Pec towards the border town of Decani.

State television showed constant footage of anti-aircraft artillery batteries and women embracing soldiers, along with the history of the Yugoslav air force from biplanes to MiGs.

Coinciding with Yugoslavia's first World Cup match, the pumping of the nation versus Nato theme bolstered a wave of patriotism throughout Serbia.

The funerals of two policemen killed by the Kosovo Liberation Army on Thursday night just outside Pristina were also given prominent coverage as fighting escalated on several fronts.

Serbs and ethnic Albanians blaming each other for starting a series of clashes that killed at least five people.

The Kosovo Information centre, which is close to the pro-independence Albanian leadership, said Serb forces launched 500 grenades into villages in the Decane region of western Kosovo. In Pristina, Albanian militants were accused of killing two Serb policemen and wounding two in separate incidents.

More than 300 people have died in Kosovo since the crisis escalated in late March.

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A Jaguar leaves RAF Coltishall, Norfolk, yesterday

EU court may ban smacking children

By FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A LANDMARK hearing in the European Court of Human Rights could outlaw corporal punishment of children by parents in Britain, it emerged yesterday.

The hearing is going ahead even though the Government has privately settled the actual case which is before the court and conceded that the caning of a boy by his stepfather constituted a breach of human rights and "inhuman or degrading treatment".

Lawyers for the boy are pressing ahead to obtain a ruling about whether corporal punishment of children is a breach of human rights in principle and whether UK law fails to give children adequate protection.

The European Commission of Human Rights, the first-tier court at Strasbourg, has already ruled unanimously against the Government and in favour of the boy, who cannot be identified. If the court — as frequently happens — follows the Commission's decision, the Government would be bound to introduce legislation to strengthen children's rights, which could outlaw smacking in the home.

At present English law al-

lows parents to use "reasonable chastisement". It is based on a case dating from 1860 and is the only kind of violence between people which remains lawful. Adults are fully protected against assault. Michael Gardner, senior litigation partner and human rights specialist at Morgan Bruce, a London law firm, said that the hearing on June 22 could be the most important for children's rights for more than a century.

"For more than 130 years, the law has been insufficient to protect children. The decision of the court will therefore be a landmark in the history of children's legal rights."

The case was first lodged with the European Commission by the boy and his natural father in 1994. The boy's stepfather had admitted caning the boy, then aged nine, with a garden cane and after an investigation by police and social services he was charged with assault. He was found not guilty by the jury on the grounds that the punishment was held to be "reasonable chastisement".

The boy then took the case to Europe and in its report last

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Blair's office denies blocking Branson knighthood



Branson: he called the Millennium Dome 'daft'

By NICHOLAS WATT
AND PHILIP WEBSTER

DOWNING STREET moved last night to kill off speculation that Tony Blair personally intervened to block a knighthood for Richard Branson in the Queen's Birthday Honours.

In an unusual move, the Prime Minister's official spokesman said: "To my knowledge the Prime Minister has not bumped anyone off the list. I am certain of that."

The spokesman took the rare step of speaking about an individual honour after reports that Mr Blair had vetoed a knighthood for Mr Branson, who was nominated last autumn by William Hague. Tories

suspect that the businessman was blocked by Downing Street after a series of disagreements with the Government.

Mr Branson has called the Millennium Dome "daft" and said he felt "let down" by the Prime Minister's decision to exempt Formula One motor racing from the ban on tobacco sponsorship. During the election campaign Mr Branson appeared with Mr Blair at a press conference but he stood back from endorsing Labour.

Tory sources said their suspicions about the Prime Minister's involvement arose when Downing Street allegedly leaked details of Mr Hague's nomination of Mr Branson

last autumn. At the same time Mr Hague nominated Bernie Ecclestone, the Formula One boss, whose £1 million donation to the Labour Party caused severe embarrassment to Mr Blair when he sanctioned the tobacco sponsorship exemption. Mr Hague did not know of Mr Ecclestone's donation when he sent his letter.

The Prime Minister's official spokesman yesterday accused the Tories of "playing silly games" over the honour. Downing Street sources indicated that it was still possible for Mr Branson to receive an honour in the future because successful candidates have to wait up to two years after their nomination.

Nominees for honours are vetted

by scrutiny committees. The Political Honours Scrutiny Committee, which is chaired by Lord Pym, the former Tory Foreign Secretary, vets names that have been nominated for "political service" covering politicians and people who have made donations to a political party. The committee was set up in 1922 after the scandal of the sale of honours under Lloyd George.

It is unclear whether Mr Branson's nomination went before Lord Pym's committee because Mr Hague nominated him on the basis of his contribution to British industry. If his name did not go before Lord Pym's committee it would have gone before a scrutiny committee staffed by civil servants. Tory Central Office de-

clined to comment yesterday on the alleged snub. However David Ruffley, the Conservative MP for Bury St Edmunds, attempted to maintain the pressure on the Government.

He said: "Tony Blair has tried to claim credit for the knighthood given to Geoff Hurst. So why can't he tell us whether or not he supported a knighthood for Britain's most popular businessman? Suggestions that Mr Branson might have to wait years for an honour are simply ridiculous. If the Prime Minister wants someone to get a knighthood they get one. Downing Street talk of the decision being down to the Scrutiny Committee is utter rubbish."

Mellor joins the campaign against Archer

By NICHOLAS WATT
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

DAVID MELLOR, the former Tory Cabinet minister, yesterday became the most senior member of the party to call on Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare to abandon his attempt to be the first mayor of London. After the millionaire novelist's campaign was damaged by a series of allegations last week about his business interests, Mr Mellor said he hoped that "fresh and substantive" candidates would now come forward.

The former Heritage Secretary told BBC's *Breakfast* with Frost: "There are some personalities that obviously invite the kind of coverage that Jeffrey Archer has got... I just hope that somewhere out of all this stuff about the mayor of London will come some fresh and substantive candidates rather than those against whom things could easily be posed."

Mr Mellor was then asked whether he fitted the bill. He replied: "Not being fresh - I may be substantive - I am sticking to other things and would advise one or two other people to do the same."

His remarks, which echo the private thoughts of the Tory hierarchy, will come as a huge blow to Lord Archer, who is facing the prospect of an appearance before his party's new ethics committee to answer allegations about his business interests. It is understood that Lord Parkinson, the party chairman, accepted that Lord Archer's colourful past had to be probed after Sir Timothy Kison, the former MP, demanded an investigation.

In the wake of Sir Timothy's letter to Lord Parkinson, senior Tories expressed doubts in private about Lord Archer's suitability to be the Conservative candidate for mayor. But until yesterday nobody was prepared to voice their concerns in public. The doubts about Lord Archer centre around his purchase and sale of 25,000 Anglia Television shares in January 1994.

Lady Archer, in an interview yesterday with *The Sunday Times*, said she had no difficulty with the party's ethics committee investigating her husband, although she insisted that she had not advised her husband about the takeover of Anglia.

She said: "As for the controversy over Anglia TV shares, that was subjected to a DTI investigation and the investigators recommended that the matter should not have been taken any further. My husband's critics are not accepting the results of British Justice."

Tories threaten rebellion over disarmament

By NICHOLAS WATT AND AUDREY MAGEE

THE Tory leadership threatened yesterday to end five years of cross-party consensus on Northern Ireland unless the Government introduces an explicit link between terrorist disarmament and the release of prisoners.

In a sign of the growing dismay among Conservatives at the concessions to Sinn Féin, Michael Howard, the Shadow Foreign Secretary, said that Tories would vote against the Government if it refused to give assurances on the decommissioning of terrorist arms.

Such a move would be the most serious setback to the bipartisan approach to Northern Ireland that dates from November 1993, when John Smith, then the Labour leader, refrained from attacking the last Government over its secret contacts with the IRA.

The Tories are demanding that the Government accept a series of amendments to the Northern Ireland (Sentences) Bill, tabled last week by William Hague and David Trimble, the Ulster Unionist leader, which call for total disarmament by May 2000. At the moment the Bill says that terrorist prisoners can be released only if they are linked to an organisation that is co-operating with the independent commission on arms which, according to the Good Friday agreement, must achieve "the decommissioning of all paramilitary arms within two years".

Mr Howard told GMTV's *The Sunday Programme*: "We have supported the Government consistently. But we think assurances were given about decommissioning and we think there should be links as the Prime Minister said there would be, between de-

commissioning and the release of prisoners. If [our] amendments are not accepted then I think we will vote against this Bill on third reading on Thursday."

Mr Howard insisted that Tony Blair must live up to his assurances on decommissioning because terrorist victims would find the release of prisoners "very difficult". He added: "We cannot simply release all these prisoners to go back to the bomb and the guns and the bullets which they have used with such terrible effect in the past."

His message was reinforced by Andrew Mackay, the Shadow Northern Ireland Secretary, who appealed to the Prime Minister to "keep faith" with the people of Northern Ireland by accepting his amendments. He quoted the Prime Minister on 6 May when he told MPs that it was "essential" that terrorist organisations decommission to allow their prisoners out.

A spokesman for the Northern Ireland Office said that ministers would try to be



Howard: said Tories would vote against Bill

flexible when MPs debate the release of prisoners. If [our] amendments are not accepted then I think we will vote against this Bill on third reading on Thursday."

Sinn Féin reacted furiously last night to Mr Howard's comments. Mitchell McLaughlin, the party's chairman, said: "It is a quite disgraceful intervention at a very delicate stage in the entire process. It demonstrates that the Tories have learnt nothing since falling out of government. It was precisely that attitude that brought about the destruction of the peace process and the ending of the first IRA ceasefire."

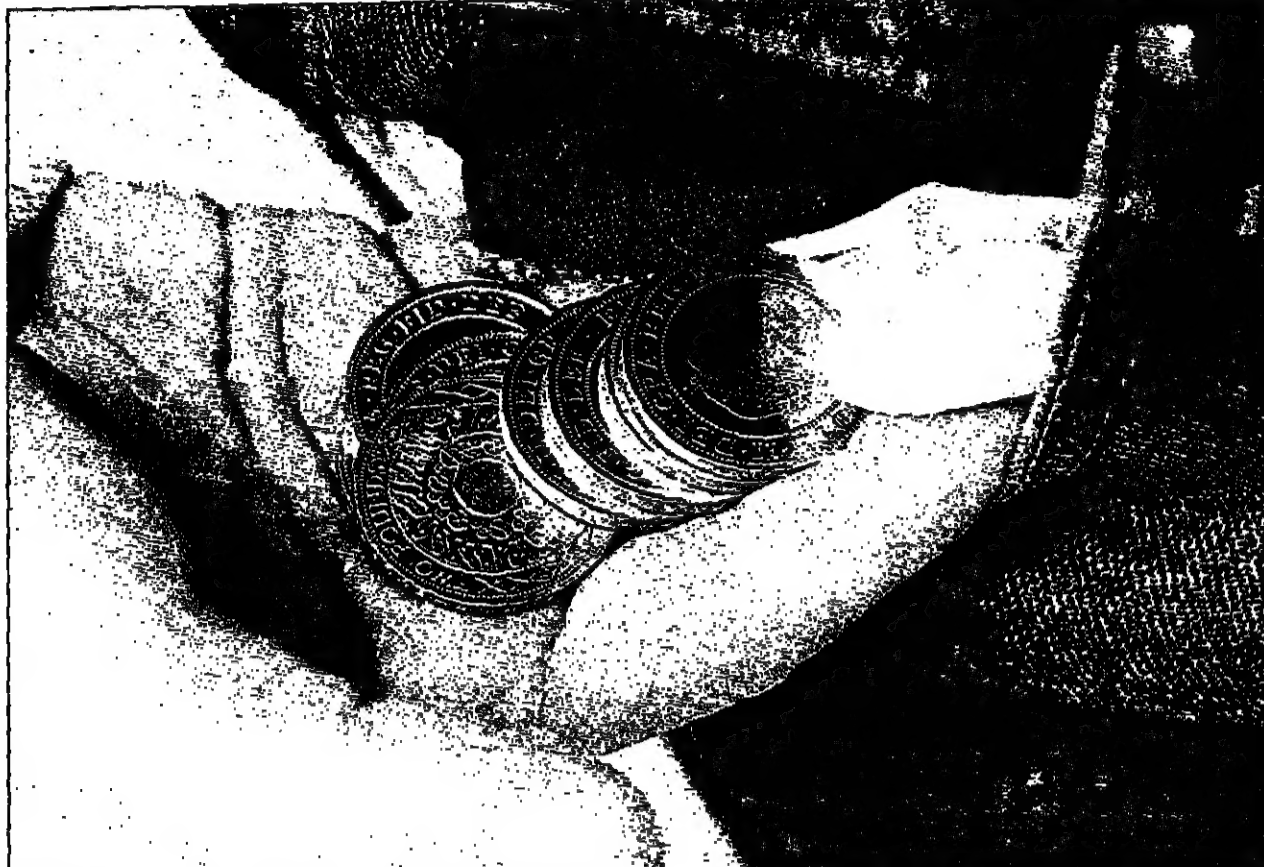
The row over decommissioning came as fears mounted in Northern Ireland of a loyalist backlash over the expected re-routing of an Orange parade in Belfast later this week.

The Parades Commission is expected to announce that it will reroute the "Tour of the North" parade away from Roman Catholic areas of North Belfast to avoid a repeat of the clashes that broke out when the march was last held in 1996.

Attempts to reach an accommodation between the two sides have failed. It is now expected that Alistair Graham, the commission chairman, will allow the full parade proceed but only along an alternative route, avoiding at least two potential flashpoints.

There are fears that rerouting the parade will lead to loyalist protests and increase Unionist antipathy towards the Northern Ireland assembly days before the elections to the body on 25 June.

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Small change: the new £2 coin, which has a white centre and yellow outer ring, is introduced into general circulation in Britain today, although it could be some months before the coins are in widespread general use

Bar tells ministers: hands off

Frances Gibb hears a warning to spin-doctors over legal aid reform

THE Government's use of spin-doctors to "soften up" the Bar and score political points in the debate over its plans to reform legal aid came in for severe criticism at the weekend.

Heather Hallett, QC, told the annual general meeting of the profession: "How many times must I repeat that the Bar does not need to be softened up, unless, of course, the aim is to score cheap political points at the expense of an easy target?"

The Bar, she told barristers, was ready to change and had itself advocated a tightening of the criteria for granting legal aid. It had set up a team to work with the Lord Chancellor's Department on high-cost criminal legal aid cases and had done a "huge amount" towards preparing a scheme for restricting fees to fixed bands to provide a "simple,

easily regulated and fair method of payment."

Ms Hallett said: "The spin doctors should remember that there comes a point when, if you undermine lawyers sufficiently, you destroy public confidence in the legal system altogether."

A government committed to law and order should remember that the rule of law would survive only as long as the public had confidence in it. It was time for the British public to be reminded that they were lucky in all their professions "and, dare I say it, in their lawyers".

"Ask a Kenyan about his confidence in an independent judiciary and legal profession. Ask a Peruvian or Venezuelan

how much it costs to buy a judge. Ask a human rights activist in China what happens when you abolish an independent legal profession."

Miss Hallett was speaking days before a House of Lords special hearing into the criminal legal aid fees charged by some Queen's Counsel.

The Bar is also fighting the Government over its proposals to scrap civil legal aid and bring in "no win, no fee" work, plans to allow crown prosecutors to take cases in the Crown Court, and proposals for introducing block contracts for legal aid work.

Praising the Attorney General, John Morris, QC, an ex-officio head of the Bar, Ms Hallett said that he had spo-

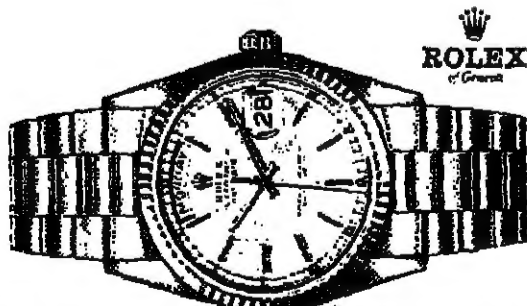
ken of the importance of an independent Bar and did so from actual experience in the courts.

She sounded a note of caution to other ministers less well qualified to criticise, including the Lord Chancellor. "I hope the Lord Chancellor's Department, when making their plans for block contracting of civil and criminal work, remember the importance of provisions which enable the Bar to compete, and therefore survive," she said. "Too often in recent months I have detected a failure in some government circles to take any account of our position, of our essential role in the system."

She said that if the Government was not careful, the legal system would go down the American road and find itself perceived as greedy.

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autumn the Commission found unanimously that the caning was in breach of article three of the European Convention on Human Rights, which provides that "no one may be subjected to inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment" and ruled that United Kingdom law had failed to prevent that.

The Commission noted that the boy "was beaten with a garden cane on two or more occasions on three occasions in the course of one week and that at least some of the strokes were inflicted directly on to bare skin".

It also noted the boy's own evidence at trial to the effect that the beatings were "frequent" and "hurt a lot", particularly when he was beaten on the legs.

The previous Government declined to reach a settlement in the case but the present Government in March indicated a change in policy, conceding the case and accepting that the treatment the boy had received was "cruel, inexcusable and having no place in a civilized society".

It has agreed to pay compensation, thought to be in the region of £9,000 to £12,000, and it has also agreed privately to consult on possible changes to the law.

However, lawyers for the boy are concerned to obtain a definitive ruling which would then be binding on the Government as a signatory to the European Convention, although it would have some discretion as to the specific terms of any legislation.

One lawyer said: "We are not in the business of having parents prosecuted before the courts. The aim is really to seek a change in attitude, a recognition that children should not be afforded any less protection against physical assault than adults."

Schools 'at risk under Labour reforms'

By JOHN O'LEARY
EDUCATION EDITOR

LABOUR school reforms will force standards down as the 1,500 grant-maintained schools lose freedoms that were crucial to their success, a former adviser to John Major claims in a pamphlet published today.

Sean Williams, a member of the Downing Street policy unit for the last two years of the Tory Government, says that the School Standards and Framework Bill will reduce diversity in the education system and concentrate too much power in the hands of ministers and local authorities.

David Blunkett, the Education and Employment Secretary, has acknowledged that the bill will concentrate more power in ministers' hands, but has argued that such action is necessary to ensure that standards rise quickly. He has assured schools that intervention will be "in inverse proportion to success".

The Bill will abolish grant-maintained schools, but create a new category of "foundation schools" with many of the same characteristics. Mr Williams argues that the requirement to accept two local authority governors will be damaging, as will the potential interference in staffing issues and the imposition of national agreements on teachers' pay and conditions.

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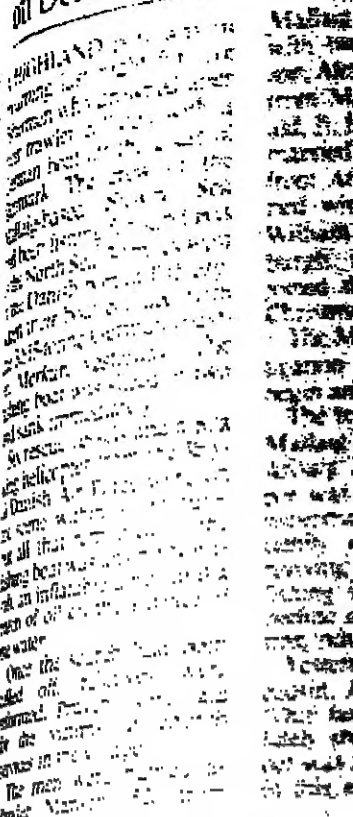
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Day when king hit roof over royal bills

By JOHN SHAW

THE King's birthday was celebrated in style yesterday, but the monarch's subjects were reminded of the royal family's financial problems by the news that the Queen Mother's birthday party was cancelled.

The Queen Mother's 87th birthday party, which was to have been held at the Palace, was cancelled because of the Queen Mother's illness.

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Five lost after collision slices trawler in two

A Highland port is in mourning over accident with German boat off Denmark, says Gillian Harris

A HIGHLAND port was in mourning last night for five fishermen who drowned after their trawler collided with a German boat off the coast of Denmark. The crew of the Mallaig-based *Silvery Sea* had been fishing for sand eels in the North Sea, 30 miles west of the Danish port of Esbjerg, when their boat collided with the 3,815-tonne German coaster, *Merkur*, yesterday. The fishing boat was sliced in two and sank immediately.

Six rescue vessels and a Sea King helicopter from the Royal Danish Air Force were on the scene within 40 minutes but all that remained of the fishing boat was an empty life-raft, an inflatable dingy and a patch of oil on the surface of the water.

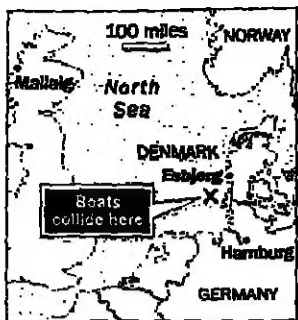
Once the search had been called off, relatives were informed. Prayers were said for the victims at church services in the village.

The men were named as Zander Manson, 52, from

Mallaig, who was married with two daughters and one son; Alexander Mackenzie, 32, from Mallaig; Alan Macdonald, 31, from Arisaig, who was married; Michael Dyer, 36, from Arisaig, who was married with two children; and William Tait from Fraserburgh, near Aberdeen, who joined the regular crew last Christmas.

The Marine Accident Investigation Branch is expected to begin an inquiry today. The tragedy has devastated Mallaig and neighbouring Arisaig. Mr Manson, the skipper, was one of the best known fishermen in the area. His family was instrumental in reviving alternative types of fishing in the port after a decline in the traditional herring industry.

Yesterday Mr Manson's cousin, James Manson, said: "Our family has been absolutely shattered by this. Zander was a very popular figure in this village and his death



will be greeted with dismay everywhere.

"Our family has a proud fishing background and three generations have fished out of Mallaig. It is a crying shame that he and the rest of the crew have been killed in such a way. However, if he knew that he had to go, I am sure he would prefer it to be at sea doing the occupation he loved." Alexander Matheson, a relief skipper who had worked with Mr Manson for 33 years, received a telex from his friend the night before he died. "He said the fishing had been good and they might have to be tied up for a day or two in port. He was looking forward to seeing us all. Now we will never see him again."

Among those grieving is Frances Shand Kydd, mother of Diana, Princess of Wales. Mrs Shand Kydd, the patron of the Mallaig and North West Fishermen's Association, comforted relatives of the four men who died when the trawler *Sapphire* sank last October.

She is believed to have known some of the crew of the *Silvery Sea* personally.

Father Donald Mackinnon, parish priest at St Mary's Roman Catholic church in Arisaig, said two of the men had connections with his church. Mr Dyer's mother Patsy worships at the church,

and she was there yesterday when prayers were said during the morning service, as were the parents of Mr Macdonald.

Father Mackinnon said: "Local people here are in a state of grief and shock. Nothing like this has happened in recent times."

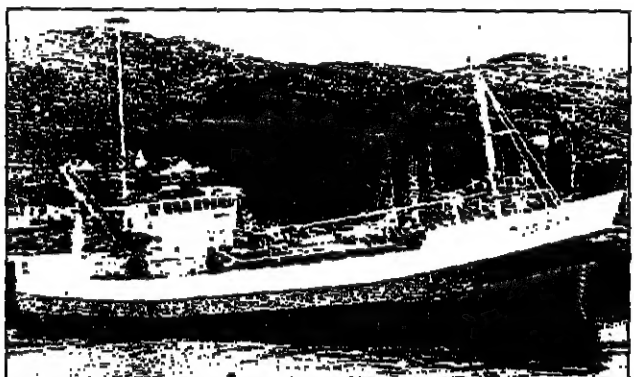
At the Royal National Mission for Deep Sea Fishermen, Geoff Thomas said: "Every one here is stunned and subdued. I have spoken by phone to most of the families who have been directly affected by this terrible tragedy."

The *Silvery Sea*, built in Holland in 1976, set sail from Mallaig last week. It was headed for Esbjerg to land a 500-tonne catch before returning to Scotland.

The sea was calm and visibility good when the collision took place at 7.15am. The German crew issued an emergency call which was picked up by the Maritime Rescue Co-ordination Centre in Aarhus, Denmark. The *Merkur*, which was on its way from Hamburg in Germany to the Swedish port of Gothenburg, took part in the search until it developed a leak and was forced to return to Bremen for repairs.

Fine weather conditions gave rise to optimism that the five men would be rescued, but after almost six hours, the search was called off.

Anders Illaborg, the fishing agent for a fleet of eight Scottish boats, including the *Silvery Sea*, which use the Danish port of Esbjerg, said: "The *Silvery Sea* was only on its second week-long trip for sand eels. The questions that the inquiry will try to answer clearly concern why the Scottish boat was not spotted by anyone on board the German ship before it was too late."



The crew of the *Silvery Sea* was fishing for sand eels

Day when king hit roof over royal bills

By JOHN SHAW

CRITICISM of spending excesses by members of the Royal Household is nothing new, although 250 years ago the dissent was kept within the family.

King George II is known to have disapproved of the money spent by his son, Frederick Louis, Prince of Wales. A folio of household accounts to be auctioned at Sotheby's shows why.

The 25-page account book itemises servants' wages and tradesmen's bills in the Prince's household between 1737 and 1745. It shows that while nurses attending the birth of his daughter received £50 a year, he and his wife were spending £62 15s on hats.

Peter Beal, a manuscript expert at Sotheby's, where the folio is expected to fetch about £1,200 on July 16, said yesterday: "The details of their domestic arrangements are fascinating. The accounts show a remarkable level of spending, relative to the time, on what he thought was a niggardly allowance."

The account book comes from an anonymous aristocratic source and underlines the bad feeling between the Prince and his parents. Queen Caroline, his mother, thought him the greatest ass, liar and beast in the world and heartily wished "he was out of it".

The Prince, for his part, did everything he could to annoy his father. He failed to tell him of the birth of his granddaughter, whose birth cost £435. The doctor was paid £100, the baby's two nurses each received £50 a year, and two minions employed to rock the cradle £30 a year.

Island GP dies as home-made skycraft crashes

By A CORRESPONDENT

A FAMILY doctor fell 300ft to his death when his home-made gyrocopter went out of control in the Outer Hebrides. Alasdair Barden, 35, crashed in the village on the Isle of Lewis where he lived with his wife and two young sons.

It is thought that the single-seater aircraft, which had an open cockpit, may have stalled while he was carrying out a manoeuvre. It came down behind a pottery factory near the Vatisker Park housing estate on Saturday.

A villager said: "A lot of people were out watching after hearing the gyrocopter flying around."

"He was circling a house, but maybe the turn was too tight or maybe there was a mechanical problem, but the engine stopped and the gyrocopter just fell to the ground."

"He was so near to the houses at Vatisker Park, it's



Barden: learnt Gaelic from student flatmates

amazing he did not hit them."

Four years ago, Alasdair and Donna Barden became the first couple since 1926 to marry on the remote St Kilda archipelago. They lived in Upper Coll, Lewis, with their sons, Donald, aged four, and Charles, seven months.

Prayers for the family were said in island churches and a service was held in Stornoway High Street shortly after the accident.

Dr Barden was a partner in the Stornoway group practice, ten miles from his home. A fluent Gaelic speaker, he had learnt the language from island flatmates when he was at Glasgow University.

He was a member of the Gaelic Broadcasting Committee and chairman of the Western Isles constituency association of the Scottish National Party.

Alex Salmon, the party leader and MP for Banff and Buchan, said: "Alasdair made an enormous contribution to the SNP in the Western Isles and in Scotland."

"He was widely recognised as a good and decent man who worked with unstinting energy and courtesy and was always positive and helpful to those he served in his professional role."

Calum Macdonald, the Western Isles Labour MP, said that the doctor's death was "a tragic loss".

Inspectors from the Air Accident Investigation Branch are due to reach Stornoway today.

A post-mortem examination is to be held and a report sent to the Procurator Fiscal.

TV criticised over Diana

By CAROL MIDDLETON, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE public's trust in television news was damaged by the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, a report says.

Research by the Broadcasting Standards Commission found that some viewers lowered their opinions of television news and current affairs programmes as a result of coverage of the accident last August.

Eleven per cent of news and current affairs programmes were judged intrusive by viewers and 4.6 per cent were considered unfair in a survey carried out in the months after her death.

However, further studies this year, when public emo-

tion had died down, found only 1.9 per cent thought television news was intrusive and 1.4 per cent thought it unfair.

The monitoring report said of the results after the crash: "Monitors [viewers surveyed] watched more news and current affairs programmes and it is clear that monitors felt the coverage was not always sensitively handled."

The surveys are designed to track changing attitudes to broadcasting. Violence emerged as the issue which concerns viewers most (62 per cent) followed by bad language (30 per cent) and sex (10 per cent). But attitudes to sex

scenes are becoming more relaxed. In 1996 41 per cent complained of too much sex on television compared with only 32 per cent this year. The amount of sex in programmes remained unchanged (in 21 per cent of terrestrial programmes and 42 per cent of satellite programmes).

The report noted that scenes of violence and sex were creeping into programmes before the 9pm watershed, including soap operas. Lady Howe of Aberavon, chairwoman of the commission, said: "The report underlines audience concern for children especially in the hour immediately before the watershed."



Police are searching for Ernest Barrie, 5, of Glasgow, who disappeared on Friday

Missing boy 'seen at concert'

A FIVE-YEAR-OLD boy who has been missing since Friday may have been seen outside the fence at a rock concert that evening (Gillian Harris writes).

The unconfirmed sighting of Ernest Barrie, of the Gorbals, Glasgow, was reported yesterday as more than 120 police officers searched the streets, a dis-

used railway line and nearby waste land. A steward who was working at the Del Amitri concert at Glasgow Green told police Ernest might have been one of four children he spoke to at 9.30pm on Friday. Police are hoping the other children's parents will contact them.

Ernest's father, also Ernest, raised the alarm at

10.15pm. He thought his son, who was wearing red and white school sports kit, had been playing outside.

Yesterday police continued their inquiries at about 500 homes in the area while divers searched the banks of the River Clyde. Officers also studied footage from security cameras on the estate where Ernest lives.

Nickell murder inquiry is closed

By STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

SCOTLAND YARD has closed the Rachel Nickell murder squad nearly six years after she was sexually assaulted and killed in front of her two-year-old son on Wimbledon Common.

Senior detectives admit they have exhausted all leads and the multimillion-pound investigation based at Mitcham police station in South London has been quietly wound up. Miss Nickell's boyfriend, Andre Hanscombe, and her parents were told of the decision, according to police.

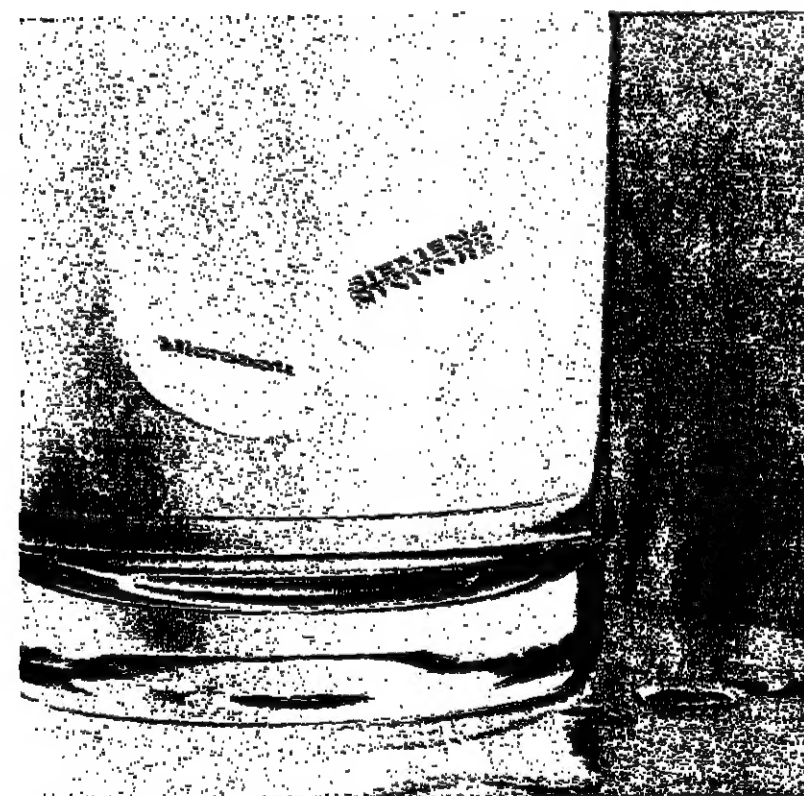
The investigation has involved more than 2,500 statements and reports on over 500 suspects. Thirty-two suspects have been arrested. The original inquiries led to the trial of Colin Stagg in 1994, when the judge entered a not-guilty verdict after ruling that evidence gathered by an undercover officer was inadmissible. The investigation was then revived.

The end of active police investigation would make it possible for the family to consider a civil action against Mr Stagg. He has also threatened to sue the police.

Last July the Yard said the inquiry looked fruitless, but police continued operations. Eventually senior officers reviewed the work and in February decided to call a halt.

Yesterday in a statement the Yard denied that the investigation was over but said no officers were working on the case full-time. If new leads came up, officers would be allocated to follow them. "We are very disappointed that the inquiry has not resulted in the conviction of anyone. We have worked very closely with Rachel's family and our thoughts remain with them."

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The Goldman Sachs partners who will share £18.5bn payout

By Stephen Farrell
and Jason Nissé

SOME men are born rich, some achieve richness, and yesterday executives of Goldman Sachs investment bank were poised to vote themselves extremely rich indeed.

To mere mortals, the figures are mind-boggling: an £18.5 billion goldmine which, divided up, could produce up to £60 million in shares for 190 partners worldwide — 37 in London.

The decision was a complex matter of matching their own interests with those of one of the most influential financial institutions in the world, founded in New York in 1869 by Marcus Goldman.

For decades the scale of rewards and demands at Goldman's have been simple. The bank demands your whole life, and rewards prodigiously the brightest and the best who make it from trainee to director and, ultimately, partner.

Executives are notorious for demanding total commitment from even the most junior employees. The exasperated girlfriend of one an up-and-coming star at the firm walked out on him after she grew weary of being woken at 1.30am by telephone calls that rarely lasted less than an hour.

Simon Robertson, now managing director, joined the bank in 1967, later in life than many of his colleagues, after three decades with the merchant bank Kleinwort Benson. He is candid about the person-



Nest eggs: Gavyn Davies and John Thornton

al benefits of not being a lifelong company man. "How much money my friends there earned, it can't compensate for the fact that I saw my children grow up and they didn't," he once said.

Despite his late arrival, Eton-educated Mr Robertson, 57, a friend of the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, is one of the British partners who stands to gain the most.

He sits at Klostern, has a golf handicap in the low 20s, maintains membership of the exclusive Racquets club in New York to have quick saunas between appointments and once displayed a touch of flamboyance by having an Alfa Romeo 155 as his company car.

Others include Gavyn Davies, 47, Goldman Sachs's chief economist. Widely tipped as a future Governor of the Bank of England under Labour, which he has supported

since the 1960s. His wife, Sue Nye, heads Gordon Brown's private office.

Mr Davies, who earns around £2 million a year, owns a house in Islington and a house in north Devon that was named Building of the Year in 1995.

Despite his status, he has a small office and shuns ostentatious displays of wealth. A cricket enthusiast and football fan, he once tried to buy a stake in Southampton FC in a consortium headed by Sir David Frost.

Others include Peter Sutherland, 52, chairman of Goldman Sachs International, a former Irish politician who is also chairman of British Petroleum, and an ex-director-general of the Gatt world trade agreement and European Commissioner.

If each does receive £60 million, it will represent a sum substantially beyond the top

three National Lottery jackpots combined. It can be safely assumed that their familiarity with Midas-style riches will make them more able to keep a cool head.

The most recent example of how senior City figures reacted with equanimity to such payouts came in November last year, when the US giant Merrill Lynch bought the pension fund manager Mercury Asset Management for £3.1 billion.

At a stroke the deal created 300 overnight millionaires with its £17 a share offer, and made MAM's three top executives £50 million richer.

The chairman, Hugh Stevenson, received an estimated £24 million from incentive schemes and shares; the deputy chairman, Stephen Zimmerman, £15 million on top of his £5.9 million earnings last year and the vice-chairman, Carol Galley, a former Warburg librarian, a £10 million bonus to her 1997 earnings of £5.4 million.

All three declined to retire with their nest eggs, and went straight back to their desks at the new company. Mr Stevenson, 55, became non-executive chairman, and Ms Galley, 49, became joint heads of Merrill Lynch Mercury Asset Management in charge of funds worth £266 billion.

Ms Galley, whose father worked for Sheffield City Council, was born in Yorkshire and brought up in Newcastle. She is a former Gosforth Grammar School pupil and modern languages



Simon Robertson: the Briton who, as managing director, stands to gain most

graduate of Leicester University.

Now married to a stockbroker, she has a home in London and a cottage in the South of France and is said to be fond of attending opera and health clubs. The first woman to be appointed to Merrill Lynch's 16-member executive committee, she is used to leading a

high-profile life, having backed Granada's £3.8 billion takeover of Forte, the country's biggest family hotel firm. But she rarely grants media interviews.

Mr Stevenson, who said that £9.26 million of the money he received was destined for a charitable trust, defused queries over how driv-

en his two star performers would remain after their big payouts. "If it was a question of losing motivation I would suggest they would have lost it a long time ago," he said shortly after the takeover.

The same, one can assume, is true of those likely to gain from the division of the Goldman egg.

Clean-up under way after freak tornado hits estate

A CLEAN-UP operation was under way yesterday after a freak tornado ripped through a housing estate. Garden walls were flattened and fencing panels tossed into the air in Lower Earley in Berkshire.

One motorist escaped when a fir tree was torn in two, blown across the road and sent spearing through his passenger side window. He careered off the road as other cars swerved to avoid him.

Torrential rain hammered down and hurricane force winds sent garden furniture, roof tiles and bricks flying. Les and Ruth Wise watched from their kitchen window as a 90ft garden wall linking five terraced homes was brought crashing down.

"It just went over all in one go as if someone had grabbed hold of both ends and just twisted it," Mr Wise said.

"We were watching from the kitchen window as really heavy rain came down. It was as if we were looking out from under a waterfall. All of a sudden, the wind picked up and our garden hammock went spinning into the air."

"The panels from the fences just went straight up into the air as well."

He described how trees were bent double by the high winds and how the fir tree in his neighbour's garden had snapped.

Mrs Wise added: "Luckily there was no pavement on this side of the road so no-one was walking along. All the kids were indoors as well because of the heavy rain."

They said Saturday night's drama was over within 20 seconds.

Krista Faiers, 32, was also been watching from her kitchen window when the wind picked up and started blowing her washing around. "All of a sudden everything starting lifting up in the air. The fence swayed from side to side before suddenly disappearing. My son Adam, nine, was really in a state and I took him upstairs out of the way."

"When we looked out of the window, everything had just flattened."

Andre Dubourg, six, said: "I thought it was the end of the world."

London man is Ben Nevis's third victim this year

The man who died climbing Britain's highest mountain on Friday afternoon has been named as 47-year-old Christopher Nightingale from Horn Lane, Acton, West London.

Mr Nightingale was the sixth person to die on Highland mountains this year and the third victim of Ben Nevis.

He was scrambling up Castle Ridge, 3550 feet up the mountain,

with two men and a woman when he slipped and fell.

The alarm was raised about 12.45pm and a Sea King helicopter from RAF Lossiemouth was scrambled to assist the Lochaber Mountain rescue team.

Mr Nightingale was flown to a picnic area, where he was pronounced dead by a local doctor.

Lochaber Mountain Rescue team leader Terry Confield said Mr

Nightingale was very unlucky, having slipped in an area which is regarded as an easy ascent.

He said the group, who were experienced and well-equipped, were not roped together and Mr Nightingale lost his footing on wet rock.

"Although the rock was slippery, usually with good footwear, people can cope. It is one of the easiest areas to negotiate."

"This is a genuine accident, one of these tragedies which happen from time to time."

It is only the second fatality on Castle Ridge in about 10 years, and the third on the Ben this year. Castle Ridge is a notorious avalanche area but we don't expect accidents there in the good weather.

The Lochaber Mountain Rescue Team also returned to the hills at the weekend to look for 37-year-old Dunfermline miner Sam Sinclair, who disappeared in December while hiking in Glen Nevis.

A dozen members of his Dunfermline-based Cioch Mountaineering Club went out with Lochaber MRT before Christmas last year to try and locate him.

However despite being experi-

enced, he failed to leave a detailed route and the most extensive search of the area seen in the Highlands was in vain. But the area is still covered in snow and the hunt was abandoned again after failing to find him.

A police spokesman said: "The rescue team will be going out again when conditions are suitable."

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security check around ground

FROM ADRIAN LEE IN
MARSEILLES

FANS will be greeted by a security operation involving almost 3,000 police and stewards at England's opening World Cup match in Marseille today.

It is estimated that at least 12,500 England supporters will be in the 60,000-seat Stade Vélodrome. Up to 8,000 more will cram into bars or watch the game against Tunisia on a giant screen at the Prado beach.

The number of England supporters is expected to be a record for a fixture abroad. Yesterday, as Jean Francois Falco, the head of security at the stadium, finalised plans that began six months ago, he predicted a peaceful afternoon. "Our biggest weapon is a smile," he said. "If we show good hospitality we hope they will respond."

Fans will face three security checks before entering the ground. The first, by police officers in surrounding streets, will establish that they have tickets. A second, at steel barriers 50 feet from the stadium, will involve a rigorous search. A final check will be made at the turnstiles to the Sud Virage — the seating reserved for the main body of 7,000 England fans.

However supporters will not be forced to prove that they have bought tickets through official channels. Despite warnings that thousands of

Tunisian civil servants have been given this afternoon off so that they can watch the match against England on television, the Tunisian news agency TAP reported. President Zine al-Abidine Ben Ali also decided that civil servants would be off on the day the team plays Colombia. The agency said the move reflected his wish to encourage sport and to acknowledge the squad's efforts as well as to allow Tunisians to watch the World Cup. (Reuters)

fans who have paid up to £300 each for black-market tickets would be turned away, M Falco said. "We will not be checking the names on the tickets. It is not a problem." He said those fans with black-market tickets would be dotted around the ground in ones and twos. "Only if they are not quiet is there a problem."

At the opposite end of the ground will sit 4,500 Tunisians, but M Falco also expects 30,000 French Tunisians, which would leave the English vastly outnumbered. Some French spectators will be sitting next to the English, separated by a modest barrier, stewards and police.

The security operation is based on British models and M Falco has visited several English grounds, including Wembley, Anfield, in Liverpool, and St James's Park,

Newcastle. British police "spotters" will work in the stadium with French police, using 27 closed-circuit cameras, capable of zooming in on individual seats.

Should there be problems, 440 uniformed and plain clothes police will be on duty in the ground. Most will be hidden from view, beneath the stands where there are also three rooms where trouble-makers can be charged. A magistrate will attend the game.

Another 1,600 police will patrol streets around the ground and in other parts of the city, including the giant screen at the beach, which will attract thousands of fans of different nationalities. British police and the Football Association have warned that it could become a focus for trouble and wanted the screening cancelled.

The one match so far played in Marseille, between France and South Africa on Friday, passed with no arrests at the stadium. The FA said yesterday that it was satisfied by today's security arrangements.

M Falco said he was relaxed about the arrival of England's notorious fans. Pointing to the moat which surrounds the pitch, he joked: "We will fill it with crocodiles and piranhas."

After skirmishes between England supporters and police in Marseille on Saturday night, Glenn Hoddle, the England manager, yesterday reminded fans that they were ambassadors for their country. "This is an exciting time for all of us, on and off the pitch, and we don't want anyone to spoil it," he said.

English fans threw bottles and glasses and police used batons, but Sir Brian Hayes, the Football Association's head of security, speaking before trouble flared again yesterday, described the incident as "high spirits".

However Laurent Dian, a Marseille taxi driver, gestured at the piles of broken glass and said: "We had festival, now we have this. It is a pity."



Short of tickets but full of hope, left to right, Manchester University students John Hartley, Dickie Davies, Rob Ferguson and Jon Element

England triumph in beach opener

Marseille, that melting pot of European and North African cultures, has absorbed the English just as it has the many other invaders over the centuries.

A few drunken supporters have boiled over, but the vast majority, here to enjoy themselves ahead of today's game against Tunisia, have been soaking up the atmosphere and the intermittent Mediterranean sunshine.

The Mistral, which battered the coast last week, eased off over the weekend and brought the Marseillais and their children on to the streets to pack the cafes and restaurants by the old port. The chic French poseurs sat cheek by jowl with English fans in nylon football shirts.

In the beach football game, fans representing England beat Tunisia by one goal and the match passed without incident. Melinda Messenger, the buxom model, turning out on behalf of a national newspaper, plonked hats bearing the cross of St

England fans tell Damian Whitworth of epic journeys to the Mediterranean coast for their team's opening match against Tunisia. All they need now are tickets

George on the heads of bemused Frenchmen. Jazz bands toured the squares and back streets around the port to entertain those tucking into bouillabaisse, unaware that a handful of idiots, the worse for drink, were behaving badly.

Those fans who have been unable to find accommodation in the city have been heading along the coast. The campsite at the idyllic old town of Cassis, half an hour's drive away, was full, mostly with English fans playing football and listening to loud music as they recovered from epic journeys.

Four 19-year-old physiotherapy students from Manchester University had finished their exams on Friday and set off by car and ferry to reach the south coast in 22 hours without

stopping. They were without tickets but were hopeful of picking them up for £50 each after being asked for £100. They had forgotten their sleeping bags and the stony ground made for an uncomfortable bed. But they were resolutely cheerful.

"We're paying £4 a night to stay here and we'll have a little bit left after travelling for beer money," John Henley said. "It's a great atmosphere. We had our pictures taken with Melinda and have been playing football with some Tunisians and they were sound, even though we scored a winning goal and went off for a beer which weren't too happy about."

Mark Forester, 31, a salesman, and Nigel Clegg, 30, a plasterer, both from Birmingham, had travelled overnight

by train and are planning to follow England at least until the end of the first stage of the competition. "It's very relaxed here," Mr Clegg said as they kicked a ball about. "It's my first time seeing England abroad and it's great. I'm sure I'll get a ticket."

The most heroic journey was that made by James Rayment, 31, a bricklayer from Banbury, Oxfordshire, who arrived at the weekend after bicycling an average 88 miles a day for two weeks through Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, Switzerland, Italy and Monte Carlo.

"I cycled from Sam to 6.30pm every day with breaks," he said. "I'm saddle sore and exhausted, but I plan to carry on until the money runs out."

Mr Rayment has a trailer attached to the back of his bike from which the flag of St George flutters. He has a simple recipe for keeping going: the same meal of pasta, sardines and garlic every day. He said his girlfriend finished with him recently because he is such a cycling fanatic.



An injured photographer and, right, Sir Brian Hayes

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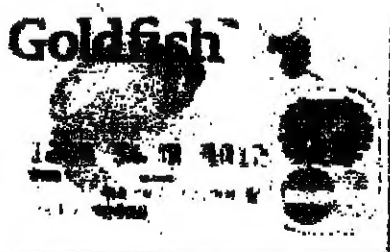
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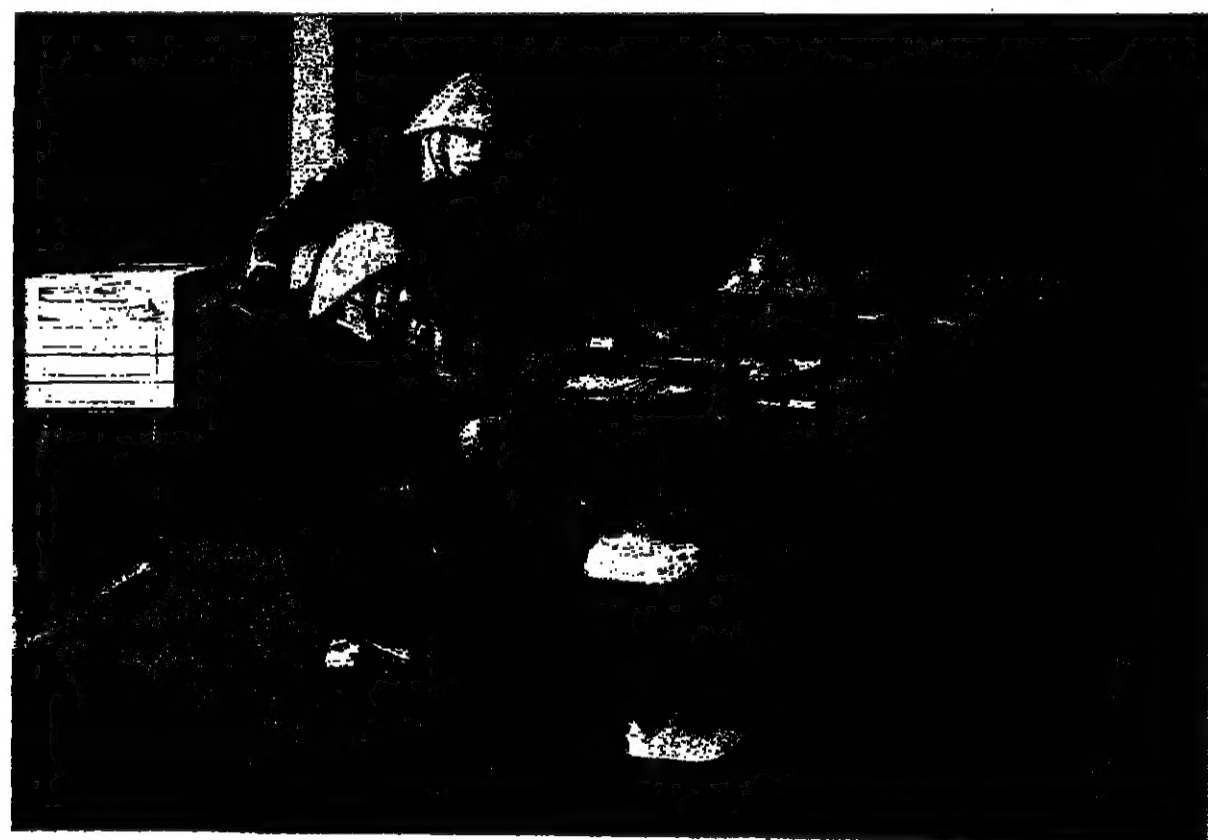
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Report to reveal 'litany of failure' over cell killing

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

THE Prison Service is expected to be criticised today after a three-year inquiry into the killing of a remand prisoner by his mentally disturbed cellmate.

A "litany of failure" by agencies, including health, social services, police and the courts, will be disclosed in the 400-page report into the death of Christopher Edwards.

Mr Edwards, 30, a university graduate who was suffering mild symptoms of mental illness, was being held for breach of the peace at Chelmsford prison, Essex, in a cell with Richard Linford, who had been arrested for assault.

Linford, 32, a paranoid schizophrenic with a 15-year history of violence, turned on Mr Edwards on November 28, 1994, beating him so badly he could only be identified from dental records.

Five months later, Linford, also a graduate, admitted manslaughter on the ground of diminished responsibility and was sent to Rampton special hospital without limit of time.

Paul Edwards, 61, and his wife Audrey said their son should never have been put in a cell with Linford.

In July 1995 North Essex Health Authority, Essex County Council, the Prison

Service and the police set up an independent inquiry. The tribunal, headed by Kieran Coonan, QC, was asked to look at whether the care of both men met required standards. They examined whether crucial information was passed on and are believed to have concluded that a major breakdown in communications occurred.

Prison staff saw Linford jumping on his victim's body in the cell but did not intervene immediately, returning instead in riot gear minutes later, by which time he was dead from head injuries.

Staff told Mr Edwards' parents that he had been put in the same cell as Linford because the two men had become friends when they arrived at the jail. The director of the Prison Service confirmed to the Edwards himself that the two men had asked to be put in the same cell.

However, it later emerged that the pair had not met before they were incarcerated together.

Mr Edwards said yesterday: "All the agencies need to smarten their game up. We believe there are two major issues here which go above and beyond the agencies having to act better. The nation should stop using prisons as a

dumping ground for the mentally ill, particularly the very destructive mentally ill.

"Both young men were as ill as they were because they were not taking their medication. They didn't believe they needed to. The law and practice need to be changed so they can intervene and require mentally ill patients to take treatment."

Sane, the mental health campaign group, described the case as "one of the most appalling cases involving neglect, lack of care, risk assessment and failure of communication".

Marjorie Wallace, Sane's chief executive, said: "It is a disgrace that two young men should be put in prison when their only crime was to suffer, in differing ways, from a serious mental illness. Both needed hospital care, not a prison cell."



FOR the first time in living memory, a pair of rare peregrine falcons are rearing their young in London — 60 feet above the Littlebrook power station at Dartford.

Bird lovers have seen the male returning to the nest, which is tucked into a giant girder, carrying an already plucked bird. The female emerged and together they tore the flesh to pieces to feed the young.

The nest is not visible from the

Peregrine falcons find a capital place to nest

ground and it is not known how many young are being reared. But Chris Mead, one of Britain's leading ornithologists, said: "We will be able to tell in a couple of weeks when they will probably be big enough to peer

over the edge of the girder. "It is an historic moment, and the birds should be able to thrive because there is no shortage of pigeons."

pairs — the vast majority of them in Scotland and northern England — but toxic chemicals reduced their breeding stock to about 100 pairs.

They recovered well after the chemicals, such as DDT, were banned, and there are now about 1300 pairs.

The birds have now returned to a previous site, Salisbury Cathedral, and have been spotted hatching chicks on a block on flats in Brighton (pictured above).

Yard joins Europe anti-terror group

By RICHARD FORD AND STEWART TENDLER

SCOTLAND YARD detectives are joining the European Union's first anti-terrorist intelligence network to focus on Irish republican splinter groups, the Basque separatists ETA Islamic fundamentalists.

Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch and Special Branch and MI5 will route intelligence checks with other EU countries through a special clearing house. An EU-wide database will be built up so that suspects and their movements can be monitored.

The computerised clearing house will be linked to intelligence centres in each EU country. Police will be able to check quickly what other countries know about suspects. Anti-terrorist investigators hope the network will prevent terrorists slipping in and out of countries or hiding and secretly planning operations.

The network could lead to more cross-European operations

like the raids last month against Islamic groups by officers in Britain, France, Belgium and Germany. The network would also make it more difficult for Irish terrorists to strike in mainland Europe.

The network will be run by Europol, the EU's police intelligence centre based outside The Hague in The Netherlands. Europol is due to go fully operational within a year and so far has been restricted to mainstream criminal intelligence on drugs, money-laundering and arms dealing.

Last month Britain and other EU members agreed to extend the Europol remit to cover terrorism. At the moment countries exchange information on a bilateral basis and all EU police forces also meet regularly to discuss terrorism. The security services also have an ad hoc organisation known as the Club of Berne.

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Salvation Army gets ready to march to different tune

Military-style ranks may be dropped under modernisation plan to boost recruitment, writes Ruth Gledhill

THE Salvation Army is considering far-reaching changes to its image and organisation because most people still think of it as a uniformed corps characterised by singing and brass bands.

Research published today shows that the army does not rate highly in public awareness as either a church or a charity. Most people have never given time or money to the Salvation Army, even though it is the country's biggest provider of social services outside of Government.

Under the proposals out would go the military-style epaulettes and the rule that army officers must be married to other officers. Changes could also be made to the strict regimental hierarchy and military ranks.

The army is considering the changes "to become proactive and project a forward-looking modern image".

The figures published today are from a survey of 2,200 adults by Harris research in March, which the army commissioned partly because the number of recruits is falling.

From a membership high of 124,000 salvationists or "soldiers" in 1947, the army now has just 43,000. Since this decline is no faster than in other churches, it may have causes other than the uniform or army structure.

But army leaders are still concerned that the age profile is increasing, with the numbers joining up as officers — equivalent to clergy in other denominations — too low to replace those retiring. Just 28

new officers were commissioned this year in the United Kingdom, while 40 years ago it was not unusual for more than 400 officers to be commissioned in a year.

The survey found that while 95 per cent of those questioned had heard of the Salvation Army, it was only "top of mind" as a charity for 8 per cent and "top of mind" as a church for 7 per cent.

Commissioner John Gowan, commander of the army in Britain, said: "There is nothing in the survey that condemns us to the rubbish tip. People still love the Salvation Army and think of it as a caring body. But on the negative side, some people describe us as Victorian, old-fashioned, old, unprofessional and simple."

He added: "The perception that we are a lot of amateurs needs correcting. It affects recruitment. If people think we are quaintly old-fashioned and not very bright, they will not want to join us. If they think we are not professional in our social work, they will not send us cheques to keep us going."

Commissioner Gowan said that, although there were still about 400 brass bands in the country, modern worship music was also widely used.

He said: "We need to tone down the military aspect of the army, although not throw it out, because aggressive warfare against injustice and bad things is a good Christian metaphor."

"We must modify the uniform so it looks less military. I would love to see epaulettes go. And we must demolish the idea that the commissioner clicks his fingers and everybody does what he says."

"We realise that if we play the dinosaur, we are going to become extinct."

The United Kingdom Territory is part of the Europe zone, which is the only area of the international army in decline. Later this year, the United Kingdom staff will move to a new building at the Elephant and Castle in South London. Plans are being considered either to demolish and redevelop the current 1960s headquarters in Queen Victoria Street in the City, or to sell them.

In another move to alter public perception and improve fundraising, the army will



New beat: a 1960s attempt to update the army's image

next month replace its "Grace before Meat" black collecting boxes with red cardboard or plastic boxes for use in homes and businesses.

The decision to replace the boxes, designed to stand on the table at mealtimes to remind families of those in need, came after research showed that one charity,

Scope, raised £650,000 from its 55,000 collection box sites while in 1995 the Salvation Army had just 54 "Grace before Meat" agents with an income of £4,500.

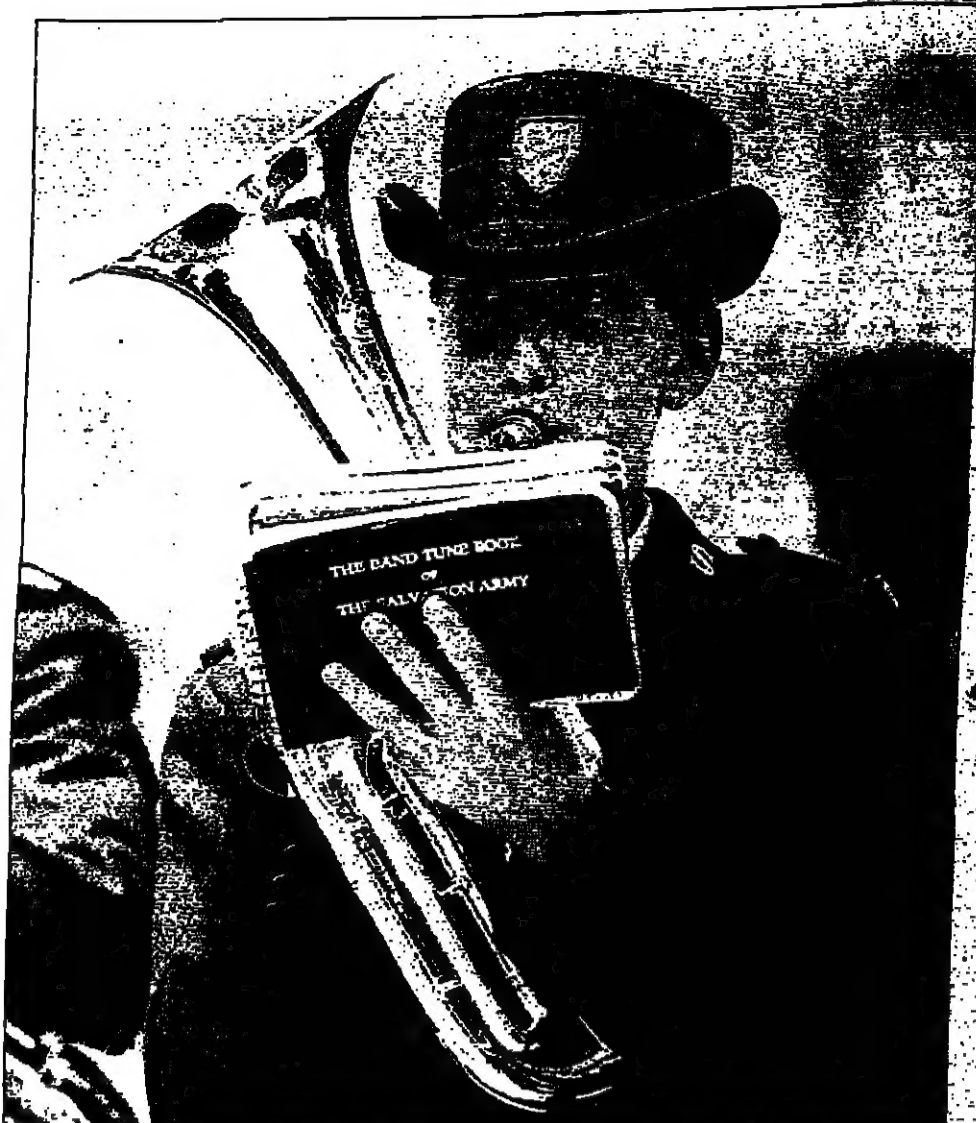
The new boxes will form part of the annual Red Shield appeal, which has yet to break the £3 million barrier, in spite of a £3.3 million target this

year. According to the latest Salvation Army accounts, the amount raised in the Red Shield appeal fell from £2.62 million in 1996 to £2.59 million last year.

However, there are no plans to change the name of the army, or to alter the "Blood and Fire" crest designed in 1879 by Captain William Ebdon, with swords representing the warfare of salvation and the truth of the Gospel.

Meanwhile, proposals to change the uniform or other symbols are already being criticised within the rank and file. Salvationists are particularly protective of the blue uniform, the colour representing the purity of God, and the flag, with the red representing the blood of Jesus and the yellow star the fire of the Holy Spirit.

Paula Marshall, a university student in Toronto, Canada, said: "I think it would be a huge mistake to get rid of the most visible symbol of the army. How would we be any different than any other church?"



Marking time: a bandsman plays during Sunday shopping in Oxford St, London



Cap in hand: the army plans better fundraising

Holy Soldiers pitched camp in East End

By Ruth Gledhill

THE Salvation Army was founded in 1865 by William Booth, a minister with the Methodist New Connexion, and his wife, Catherine.

Growing out of the missionary movement of the 19th century, itself a response to the Industrial Revolution, the army began as an evangelical group called the Christian Mission, reaching out to alcoholics, the poor and the unchurched in the East End.

The military structure evolved in 1878, when Booth became "the general" and officers' ranks were given to ministers. Booth, born in Nottingham and of Jewish ancestry, was apprenticed to a pawnbroker in 1842 but soon became a Methodist.

After a conversion experience he became a revivalist preacher, but the fire and passion of his sermons proved too much for the Methodists and he broke with them to set up his Whitechapel mission.

In his 1890 book, *In Darkest England and the Way Out*, he advocated that farm colonies and rescue homes be used to address the evils of poverty and social deprivation.

Booth was succeeded as general by his son, William Branwell Booth, and the army spread rapidly across the world. It now has bases in more than 103 countries and preaches in 160 languages. It runs more than 3,000 hospitals, schools, hostels and other institutions, as well as disaster relief services, day care centres, summer camps, services for the elderly, shelters for battered wives, drug rehabilitation, correctional services, family

and career counselling and a family tracing service.

Worship, as reflected in the stories in its newspaper, *War Cry*, is non-sacramental and based on personal testimony and conversion.

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Flying the flag: appeal income has been falling



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Tributes as French sailing hero loses final battle with sea

BY ANNIE FLURY

RESCUERS yesterday gave up hope of finding Eric Tabarly, the French yachtsman, alive. The 66-year-old fell into the sea 35 miles off the coast of Milford Haven, South Wales, at midnight on Friday.

Air and sea searches by British and French rescuers failed to find any trace of him. British coastguards said yesterday that there was no chance M Tabarly could have survived so long in the water and offered their condolences to his family. French aircraft continued to search the area for his body.

Lionel Jospin, the French Prime Minister, said everyone had been "deeply upset by this news", adding that M Tabarly was "the very symbol of yachting" for most French people. "He epitomised all the virtues of the seagoing life: pugnacity, uprightness and humanity."

Mark Clark, of Milford Haven coastguard, said: "The yachtsman had no lifejacket and no seaman can survive more than 12 hours in the water at temperatures of 11C (52). Sadly we have to presume he is



Tabarly: French national hero

dead. He was wearing oilskins and wellies. That did not help."

The sailor from Brittany was an immensely popular figure in France where his ocean-going exploits were followed with avid interest.

M Tabarly had been on board his yacht, the *Pen Duick I*, with four crew members when he fell into the sea. It is believed that he went overboard as they did a sail change. The remaining crew, three men and

a woman, who speak little English, threw a lifebuoy into the water and sent up an emergency flare.

The signal was spotted by one of the seven crew members on an Australian yacht, *Longobarda*, which went to within hailing distance of the French vessel.

Mr Clark said M Tabarly's "inexperienced" crew had not given the alert until the early hours of the morning. Their radio was not functioning and there was no satellite buoy on board.

He said: "They were novices and very distraught. They were very tired and it did not help that they could not speak a lot of English. They heard him shout for help and dropped a lifebuoy over. They did not know quite what to do. Tabarly did not have a lifebelt or a lifeline."

M Tabarly gained fame for his many victories in solo ocean races in the 1960s and 1970s, and was instrumental in popularising ocean sailing in France. Born in Nantes, he became a naval officer in the late 1950s and has won several prestigious races with boats all named *Pen Duick*.



The crew, Antoine Costa, Erwan Quemere, Jacques-Andre Rebec and Candida Costa: "They were novices and very distraught"

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Pregnant woman sprayed with CS gas may sue

BY ANNIE FLURY

A WOMAN who suffered a miscarriage after she was sprayed with CS spray is considering taking legal action against the police. Anna Marie Perry claims the spray was used to restrain her when she resisted arrest even though she warned officers she was eight weeks pregnant.

Ms Perry, 22, collapsed after she was sprayed and a doctor later said she had suffered a miscarriage probably caused by the fall. Lawyers believe Ms Perry has a strong case for compensation from Devon and Cornwall police.

Last week a judge told a jury it might have reason to reflect on its verdict after it acquitted a policeman who twice sprayed a pensioner with CS gas after he stopped on double yellow lines. The Home Secretary, Jack Straw, faced calls for an inquiry into the case at Luton Crown Court in which PC Andrew Taylor was acquitted of assault charges against Kenneth Whitaker.

Ms Perry, of Launceston, Cornwall, was put on probation for two years after being found guilty at Launceston Magistrates' Court of harassing and assaulting PC Arron Bevan. She admitted she be-

came abusive but added: "They should not have sprayed me and they have never said sorry. It is not me who has been punished."

The incident happened when an officer stopped Ms Perry and two male friends in Launceston saying he wanted to search one of the men for drugs. Ms Perry said: "I felt we were being stopped for the sake of it. We had not been taking drugs."

PC Bevan had told the court that Ms Perry became violent and started kicking out. Two other police officers were called and there was a fracas during which the spray was used.

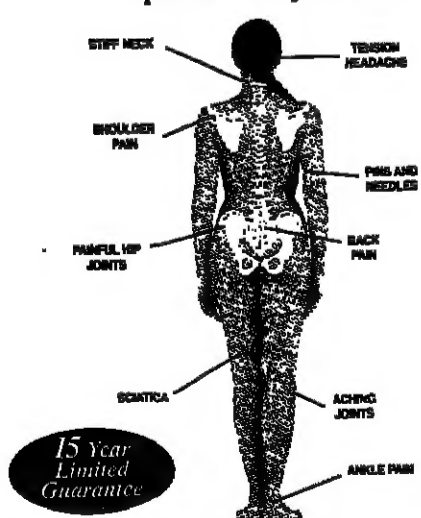
Ms Perry said: "It was horrible and I felt dizzy. I couldn't keep on my feet and I just fell over. I am still not convinced that I won't suffer any side-effects."

Lee Dawkins, a partner with the solicitors Slee Blackwell and Slee in Barnstaple, said: "I am sure this lady has a good case for compensation and I am sure we would get legal aid."

A spokesman for Devon and Cornwall police said no comment would be made unless Ms Perry made a claim.

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Period costumes: Glenda Jackson in *Elizabeth I*, Mark Rylance as Bassanio in *The Merchant of Venice*, Steven Skybell as the Constable of France in *Henry V*, and Dame Judi Dench as Elizabeth I in the film *Shakespeare in Love*

Expert who makes actors dress the part

Globe theatre honours author whose work on Elizabethan costume has found a wider stage, writes Dاليا Alberge

A LEADING authority on the history of dress was honoured by the Globe theatre yesterday with an award for furthering the understanding and enjoyment of Shakespeare. Janet Arnold was presented with the inaugural Sam Wanamaker award in memory of the theatre's founder. Although she has written extensively on various periods, her definitive study of Elizabethan costume in *Patterns of Fashion* is revered by scholars as well as theatre and film designers.

Her research has inspired productions by the Royal Shakespeare Company to the BBC, and has enabled actors such as the late Peggy Ashcroft, and Dame Judi Dench and Glenda Jackson to wear historically faithful costumes the Elizabethans would have recognised. Next year, the Victoria and Albert Museum is planning a major retrospective devoted to Miss Arnold.

Paying tribute to her work, Dame Judi — she plays the queen in the film *Shakespeare in Love*, to be released in Britain later this year — said: "When the costume is as good as it is with Elizabeth I, you actually feel like the character and the performance takes care of itself."

Speaking before last night's presentation, Miss Arnold, 65, said: "I am very honoured to receive it. Sometimes when I'm working in museums miles from anywhere, digging through cardboard boxes and looking through fragments, I sometimes wonder what it's all for as it takes so long. But then I get letters from members of the profession and amateur people as well and it makes it all worthwhile."

Jenny Tiramani, the Globe's designer, said that Miss Arnold's studies remain unsurpassed: "It seriously is the scholarly work on the subject of late 16th and early 17th-century clothing. Nobody else has done this work to this degree. Her contribution is absolutely staggering. There is very little else on this period. Previous to her work, there were only a handful of very sketchy outlined patterns of clothes from this period... some of which was not that accurate." She added: "Janet gives very accurate line-drawings, patterns and descriptions of the costumes

which make it possible to make clothes that are absolutely like the real thing in every respect."

Ms Tiramani said that Miss Arnold's work was invaluable as Globe productions, like those of the original theatre, focus on costumes rather than sets. While museums across Britain had extraordinary collections, their costumes were too delicate to take a lot of handling and most were not on display. She added: "Janet's work is being used by re-enactment societies, theatre, film, and TV designers all over the world. It is absolutely definitive."

Mark Rylance, artistic director of the Globe, said that

in the latest production of *The Merchant of Venice*, his highly-detailed costume of watered silk had been cut very close to his figure and his shoes handmade to his feet. The dress, he said, conveyed a sense of wealth and lavish spending on clothes enjoyed by a young nobleman like Bassanio. "It takes 15 minutes to get dressed. Everything is tied and there is no Velcro. One can get overprecious about these things, but such clothes have all the benefits of modern-dress productions — the real clothing of a real person."

Miss Arnold, who has lectured throughout the world and held a Leverhulme research fellowship in the drama department at Royal Holloway and Bedford New College in the 1980s, expressed surprise at the level of interest, particularly as her book was initially planned as no more than patterns for

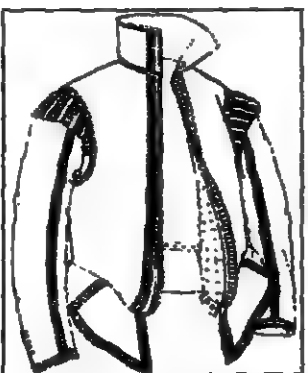
people making dolls. It soon progressed, however, into something far more scholarly and ambitious.

Norma Whittard, who has just retired as a cutter for the RSC after 30 years, described it as a bible. "It is meticulous, laid out so beautifully, wonderful draughtsmanship. There is nothing else like it." She recalled that on a production of *All's Well That Ends Well*, directed by Trevor Nunn, they had come unstuck with a design for Peggy Ashcroft as the Countess of Roussillon. "We came to a bit of a problem with one of the fittings. Peggy didn't like the dress. She felt it was quite wrong for the part. It was a mauvy wool, a funny dress for a court dress. It looked frumpy. She felt instinctively it was wrong as she's got to be in mourning." Miss Arnold's book offered a drape of black gorgeously overlay.

Ms Jackson played Elizabeth I in *Elizabeth I*, a six-part BBC series in the early 1970s, and in the film *Mary Queen of Scots* in 1971. Although she recalled suffering for her part — the discomfort of the clothes and having three or four inches of her hair shaved — she said: "It's wonderful she's being acknowledged. Far too infrequently people who are central to the presentation of a character are not acknowledged."

Zoe Wanamaker, the actress daughter of Sam Wanamaker, said of Miss Arnold's pioneering work: "It is irreplaceable and invaluable. She's been an inspiration to so many people. The repercussions of her work will go on for ever."

Miss Arnold is currently writing the next two volumes of *Patterns of Fashion*. The Elizabethan volume occupied her for 18 years, but the latest research has been held up by illness.



A line drawing of an Elizabethan doublet from *Patterns of Fashion* by Janet Arnold, right



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Kohl demands cut in German payments to EU

TONY BLAIR will today oppose any cut in Britain's special rebate on EU spending when Chancellor Helmut Kohl delivers what is expected to be a stern warning to EU leaders at Cardiff that Germany expects a big drop in its contribution to the community's £60 billion budget.

A decision on revamping the EU treasury is not due until next year but a sour exchange on the share-out of costs among member states is guaranteed at today's session because German anger is being amplified by the campaign for general elections in September. Herr Kohl wants the summit to give formal recognition to the need for a drop in Germany's huge share, a move being particularly resisted by Spain and the southern states which benefit most from the present deal.

Herr Kohl is backed by the Netherlands, Sweden and Austria, which also want cuts in their contributions. Pursuing a "money-back" campaign with echoes of the 1980s drive by Margaret Thatcher, the Chancellor is demanding a permanent reduction of about a third in Germany's net contribution. The British rebate, agreed by Margaret Thatcher in 1984, must be thrown into the negotiation, say the Germans. Mr Blair will insist that Britain will refuse to reopen discussion on its deal. "The British rebate has been very well established and we will hold to that," Mr Blair said on arrival in Cardiff last night.

Budget debate will cast doubt on Britain's hard-won rebate, reports Charles Bremner

"Obviously Germany will make its case as other member states will," he said.

Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, said: "The British rebate can only be changed by unanimous decision."

Herr Kohl's expected outburst will be largely discounted as aimed at his electorate, EU leaders officials say. However, the British rebate is certain to come under question when the hard negotiation starts next year for the budget that will accompany the start of the EU's expansion into the former Communist Bloc. Jacques Santer, President of the Commission, said on Friday: "Of course the British arrangement will be on the table."

By far the EU's biggest paymaster, Bonn paid about £7 billion net in contributions in 1996, the last year for which figures are available. Next biggest were the Netherlands with £1.6 billion, Britain with £1.4 billion (after the rebate is deducted). Sweden with £500 million and Austria with £180 million. Italy and France

more or less broke even and the rest were net beneficiaries.

Britain's contribution is due to rise sharply in about £4.45 billion this year to compensate for underpayment last year caused by the rise in sterling's value.

Norman Lamont, the former Chancellor, yesterday backed Bonn, saying: "The fact that Germany wants to reduce its budget contribution should be welcomed. It shows that Germany is growing tired of being Europe's paymaster."

The budget will be hammered out as part of the package of reforms that include the common agriculture policy and regional aid. The Commission, backed by Britain and the northern states, wants overall spending to be held well below the current level of 1.27 per cent of gross domestic product. The southern bloc insists, however, that a higher figure is needed because of the heavy cost of taking in Poland, Hungary and five other much poorer central European states in the next few years.

The EU's financial watchdog has just added oil to the fire with a warning that the southern states would be handed a £9 billion per year bill if the northern states win their argument. The Court of Auditors also attacked the arithmetic which Germany used to prove its raw deals, failing to take into account the big return of funds through the single market.

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Farmers leave Cardiff Arms Park on their march through Cardiff. Welsh farmers' incomes fell by up to 80 per cent over the past two years.

Rain fails to douse Welsh farmers' fury

By SIMON DE BRUVELLES

IT WAS a sight that would have made many European leaders arriving for the Cardiff summit feel immediately at home: 8,000 angry farmers protesting in the rain.

But what might have given them some comfort was the target of farmers' hostility — not the EU politicians who banned British beef, but their own Government.

As they marched past Cardiff's city hall, venue of the two-day European summit, it was Jack Cunningham, the Agriculture Minister, who farmers wanted to whack over the head with a

wet welly. Earlier, the farmers had staged a pre-march pitch invasion during a rally at Cardiff Arms Park. There were cheers as Bob Parry, president of the farming union in Wales described Mr Cunningham as "the enemy within", whose principal allegiance was to the Chancellor, not the farmers.

Among the protesters were four women who had walked 52 miles from Brecon in driving rain to make their plea to the government.

The walkers, who call themselves Women in Agriculture, had sent nine sacks of unwashed children's Wellington boots to Mr Cunningham.

Mother-of-three Penny Abberley, who farms 220 acres near Sennybridge, said: "My 11-year-old son is determined to be a farmer and I want to ensure there still is a farming industry for him."

"We collected the wellies to make the point that the way things are going there may not be much need for them in future."

Incomes on Wales' 29,000 farmholdings have dropped by up to 80 per cent in the past two years. They have been hit by a double whammy of the BSE crisis and the strong pound.

They said the drop in farm incomes was even more dramatic than across

the English border. Norma Challenger, 52, who has 200 acres at Crickhowell, said: "We are not making any money, we carry on because we love it."

There were even more supporters of the Euro among the farmers than at the European summit down the road. George Lyon, president of the Scottish NFU, called for the government to state that it would join the European monetary union at the earliest opportunity. He said: "We would then see Sterling start to move towards a more realistic rate."

"It would do more to lift farming incomes than any other measure."

Blair hopes for smooth exit at Cardiff after bumpy ride in EU chair

By CHARLES BREMNER

AFTER a bumpy turn in the EU's chair, Tony Blair aims to use today's Cardiff summit to give a British shove to the Union's drive to recast itself for the new century, but the 15 leaders will steer clear of real argument on painful spending reforms on the horizon.

With no pressing deadlines and German elections in September, the EU leaders will be spared the

summit haggling which over the past three years has cleared the way for the single currency and the entry of 11 new members. Chancellor Helmut Kohl will put on record Germany's demand for a big cut in its budget contribution and Mr Blair will insist on keeping Britain's special rebate, but returns to the Common Agriculture policy and the overall budget will be left for the German presidency in the New Year.

Instead, the two-day gathering will look further into the future. The leaders are, for example, expected to take a first sounding on candidates to succeed Jacques Santer, the Commission president, in January, 2000. Felipe Gonzalez, the former Spanish premier, tops the early betting. The summit's main job will be to find common ground on how to repair the Union's creaking machinery to equip it for the global economy and

make it less remote. Everyone agrees on the need for the repair but there are wide differences on the remedies.

Last week M Chirac and Herr Kohl lamented the EU's distance from its citizens and demanded curbs on the centralised bureaucracy. M Chirac returned to the charge yesterday, saying the EU's institutions "do not work very well and when we are more than 15 members they will not work at all".

Mr Blair has welcomed their apparent conversion to long-held British ideas, although their underlying goal is still closer political union. On Friday, Mr Santer deplored the "malaise" in the EU and accused Britain, France and Germany of shirking their duty while making a scapegoat of Brussels.

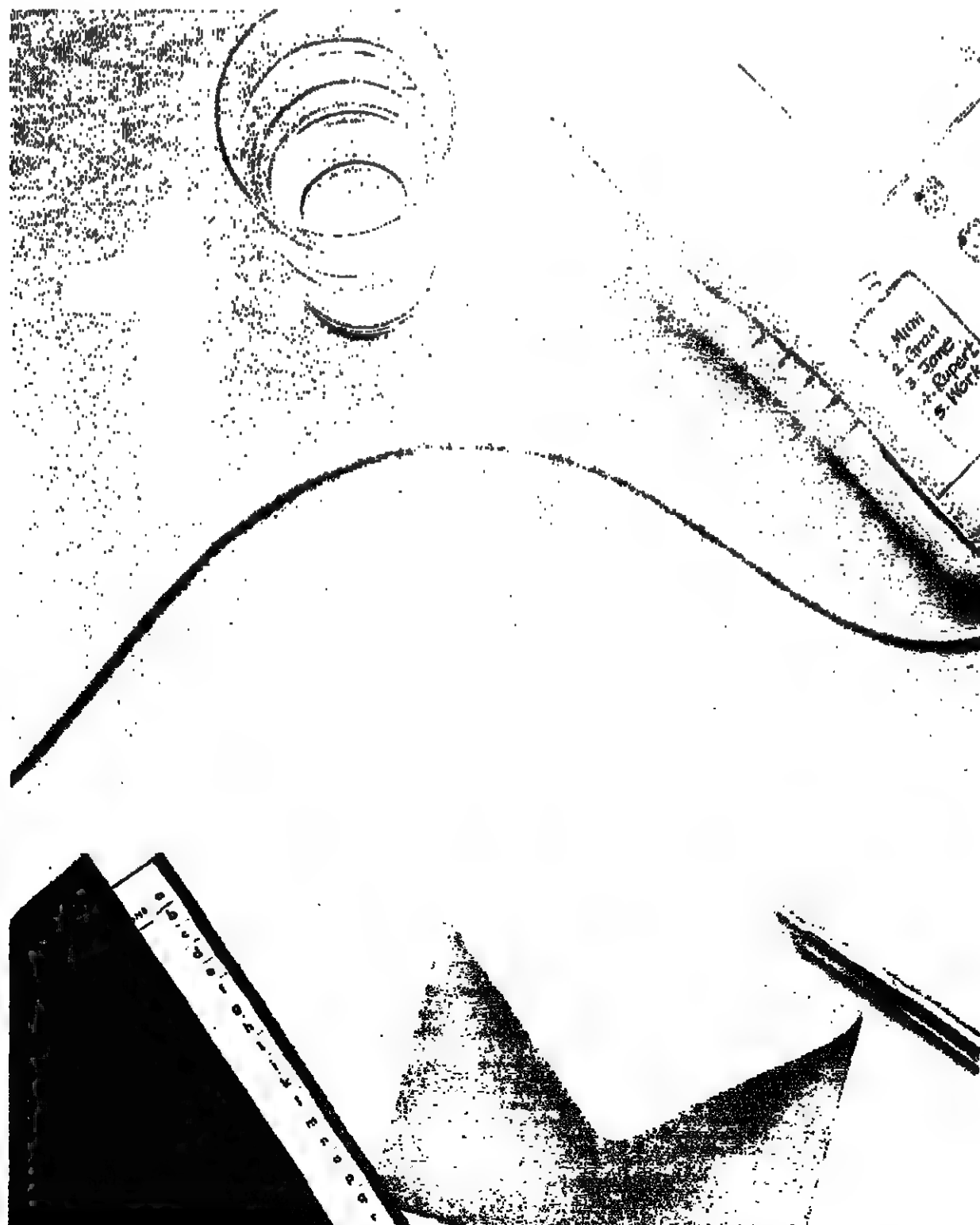
Mr Blair is keen to accelerate what he calls a new consensus about the need for more British-

style flexibility in the EU economy. He will make much of the national jobs programmes that will be given their first "peer review" at Cardiff and is expected to press a British scheme to open up the single market by forcing down Europe's relatively high consumer prices.

The prime minister wants to end his presidency with a clarion call for more economic and institutional reform, a goal that he sees as Cardiff's chief mission. "A presi-

dency establishes a sense of direction for the European Union," he said as he toured EU capitals last week, determined that Cardiff would offer no repeat of what he called the "messy" summit that launched the euro in Brussels last month.

However, the Government's approach, with its triumphalist claims to British leadership, has irritated the members, which still see London as half-hearted.



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Time for Schroder to calculate risks of grand coalition arithmetic

DORIS SCHRÖDER surfs the Internet on Saturday evenings for the Sunday newspaper headlines. "Look at this!" she called out during one of her sessions and her husband came to the door. The papers were leading with the Green Party's decision to push petrol prices up to DM5 (£1.70) a litre.

Gerhard Schröder exploded. He immediately understood the implications. Germans, in love with their cars, would instantly reject the Greens and any party that sought to make common cause with the environmentalists. A couple of months

INSIDE GERMANY



BY ROGER BOYES

have passed since that evening and the Greens have tried to blot out the memory of that rash party conference resolution. But the damage

has been done. The Greens fell from 10 to 5 per cent in the polls and will be lucky to survive the September election.

Herr Schröder's Social Democrats, who had a 12 per cent lead over the ruling Christian Democrats, have seen their advantage melt to seven percentage points. Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, is still in with a chance and Herr Schröder can no longer play with a range of strategic possibilities. The Social Democrat-Green governing option has shrivelled; now most people are counting on a grand coalition between Social Democrats and Christian Democrats.

The grand coalition was last used as a way of easing out of the Konrad Adenauer era. It gave the Social Democrats a taste of power, helping to reassure Germans they were not a danger to the nation.

A grand coalition would allow Germany to shed Helmut Kohl without paying. The Social Democrats could slip into power after 16 years of opposition. And Gerhard Schröder — if the Social Democrats are the larger of the two parties — would be Chancellor.

As in the post-Adenauer years, there is an urgent need for reforms — in pensions, taxes and the health system —

that can only be introduced and implemented with cross-bench support.

Herr Schröder as Chancellor would probably have the current Defence Minister, Volker Rühe, the Christian Democrat, as Vice-Chancellor. The men are similar: Protestant northerners, pragmatic Atlanticists. Outside the Government but pulling strings there would be Herr Kohl's present right-hand man, Wolfgang Schäuble, and Oskar Lafontaine, the Social Democratic Party chairman.

If the arithmetic after election day is different, if the Christian Democrats just

manage to edge ahead of the Social Democrats, then the Chancellor is likely to be Herr Schäuble. His Vice-Chancellor would be Herr Lafontaine. Herr Schröder would return to Hanover as Prime Minister of Lower Saxony.

These are the games being played out in Bonn salons. Next Thursday, the summer party season begins with a big bash at the Lower Saxony representation in Bonn. Herr Schröder will rule the roost. What will a grand coalition mean for the Germans? The coupling of two great parties

inevitably breeds disappointed voters. No ordinary Social Democrat member fights a six-month election campaign with the idea of keeping the Christian Democrats in power. By the same token, Christian Democrats are doing their best to stake out their differences with the Social Democrats rather than spreading out a blanket on the grass for a joint picnic. What happens to these frustrated voters? And to the political fringe?

The experience of the first grand coalition is rather frightening. A noisy extra-parliamentary opposition mobilised street protests,

venting the anger of a young generation who believed themselves betrayed by the backroom conspiracies of their parents. A few of these protesters later became terrorists.

The next grand coalition will not necessarily spur violence on the political margins. But the perils are lurking nonetheless.

Herr Schröder, if he really has to head a grand coalition, must learn the lessons of history. Like Tony Blair, he says he wants to create a more inclusive society. How can he achieve that in a two-horse government which excludes many other runners?

Kohl brings his poll battle to EU summit

The Chancellor will adopt Thatcher's style at Cardiff to deflect hatred of the euro, reports Roger Boyes

HELMUT KOHL today takes the German election campaign to Cardiff with an undiplomatic bagful of demands designed to rally domestic voters around his Christian Democratic Union.

The pressure is mounting on the Chancellor to create a summit showdown on Germany's contribution to the European budget. Margaret Thatcher's call for a rebate — "I want my money back" — is being taken up by German politicians and has coloured the agenda of the Chancellor as he enters his final summit before the September election.

The latest push comes in an interview, to be published in *Der Spiegel* magazine today with Edmund Stoiber, the Bavarian Prime Minister. The Bavarians have their regional elections on September 13, two weeks before the general election. For the Chancellor to do well, he needs a good result for Herr Stoiber and so the German leader has taken over some of the Eurosceptic edge of the Bavarians.

"We are paying too much into the budget and we are getting too little out," Herr Stoiber said. "Of course, as an economically strong country we Germans will always be net contributors. But we cannot accept that we pay almost two thirds of Europe's bills."

Herr Stoiber is insisting that Germany's net contribu-

tion should be reduced. It has been assumed that the euro — still deeply unpopular — would be a central election issue and that the Chancellor would lose votes, especially to right-wing groups. The Chancellor's campaign strategists, however, assume most Germans will just simply accept the euro.

The trick is to turn German resentment about the scrapping of the mark away from the Chancellor and towards the European Commission.

The effect is to make the Chancellor, acknowledged as the mastermind of tighter European integration, into an anti-Brussels crusader.

Both the Chancellor and Herr Stoiber are complaining about the excessive powers of the European Commission. "The Commission is interfering — at huge bureaucratic expense — in matters like safety standards on building sites or the size of the rope used to pull calves out of their stalls," Herr Stoiber said.

There are, of course, other emerging issues but Europe touches on all of them.

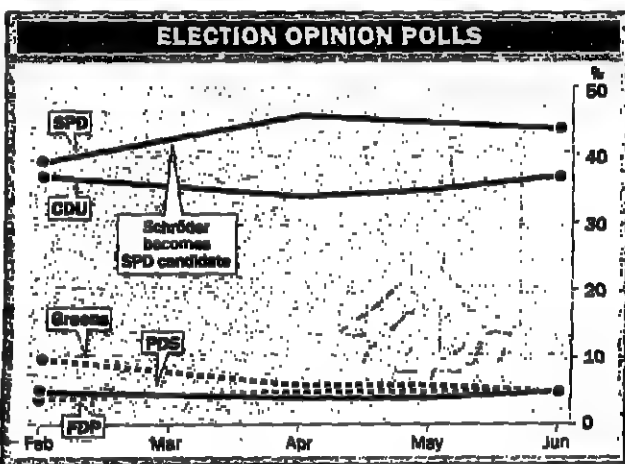
Immigration: Germany's fear is that the Kosovo crisis will deteriorate so rapidly that between 150,000 and 250,000 ethnic Albanians would seek shelter in the country. The Government is urging European and Nato action.

Organised crime: Dealing with that is one of the few issues in which the Christian Democrats are credited with more competence than the Opposition. The Chancellor needs a quick start-up to Europol, the European anti-crime network.

Unemployment: It is edging down, partly thanks to large funds allocated for job-creation schemes. The Chancellor wants to see it drop by another 200,000 — to below four million — by election day. Even if he cannot achieve that, he can blame the European Commission for blocking subsidies to east Germany.

It is doubtful whether the Government will be seriously challenged by the voters on any of its assumptions. Rather, the Social Democrats will try to steer the debate into areas where voters consider it to be clearly more competent — on pensions, jobs and reforming the health system.

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Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, and Gerhard Schröder, his Social Democrat challenger in the September election

Murdoch rejects 'meddling' claim

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

RUPERT MURDOCH yesterday tried to calm German concern that he was about to turn his newspaper and television companies into cheerleaders for Gerhard Schröder, Helmut Kohl's challenger.

In an interview with *Der Spiegel* magazine, published today, Mr Murdoch — chairman and chief executive of The News Corporation, parent company of *The Times* — fended off criticism that he meddles with the daily political coverage of his newspapers, although he did confess to persuading *The Sun* to back Tony Blair. Can you imagine, asked *Spiegel*, that the German Chancellor was not particularly happy to have Mr

Murdoch in the country because of the fear of headlines declaring "Vote for Schröder"? Mr Murdoch, in Germany to address a media conference, replied: "People are sometimes a bit paranoid. I admire Chancellor Kohl for his achievements in reunifying Germany and his political stamina. But he is responsible for the economic impasse, the high taxes and the social costs which are making it so difficult for Germany to keep up in the modern world." The Chancellor knew what had to be done so did the SPD. The question was who was strong enough to push through changes. Mr Murdoch was last night invited to dinner by Herr Schröder. "I don't interfere with *The*

Times or with *The Sunday Times*," Mr Murdoch said. "But I do it with *The Sun*. I sit down with the journalists and we throw ideas around. I needed some time to convince them that Blair was the better candidate."

He had no regrets about rejecting the memoirs of Chris Patten, the former Governor of Hong Kong. "It would have been something else if I had gone to *The Times* and told it. 'Don't write about this or that dissident.' But this was only about a book. I found his views wrong. I saw no point in irritating the Chinese, because we really did want to expand in China."

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Why cloning would be inhuman

After the Dolly experiment
Dr Alan Colman
reassesses the case
for human cloning

In February last year my colleagues and I announced the arrival of Dolly the sheep, the first mammal cloned from an adult cell. The scientific community's reaction was, on the whole, friendly, but the public reaction, by contrast, was extremely negative, primed to some extent by a media-woven diet of cloning scare stories and pulp fiction.

The issue was that this new technology created a freak animal: after all, Dolly was, and remains, a rather handsome sheep. It was the fear that the techniques could be applied to humans that provoked the frenzied debate.

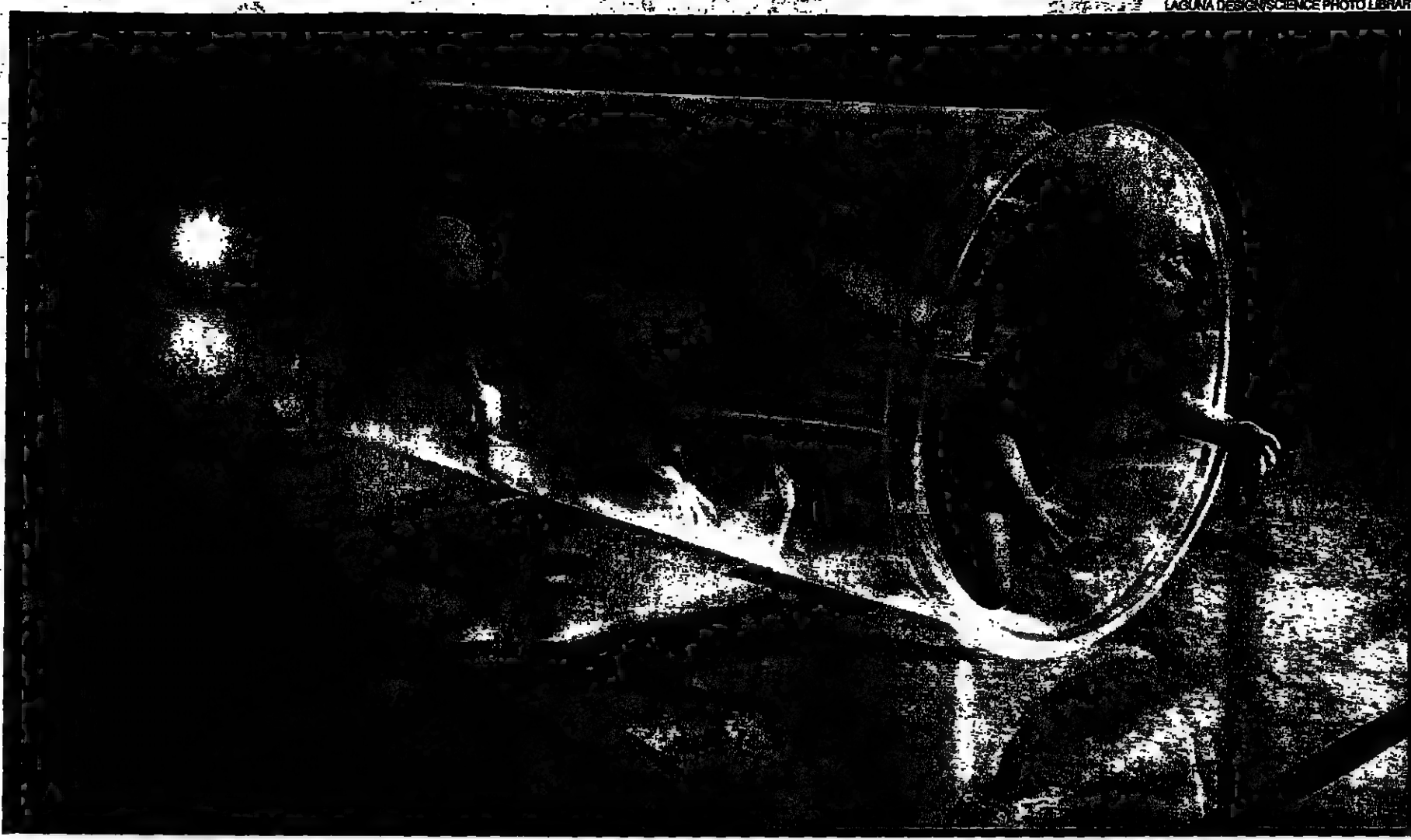
The first old-fashioned approach was the cloning of dictators, followed by celebrity cloning, self-cloning, the preselection of citizens by the State, with its echoes of *Brave New World*, the reincarnation of dead loved ones, treatment for infertile couples, a way to avoid parental genetic disease being passed on to children and a way to cure terminal illness.

It is now 16 months since Dolly's arrival was announced, enough time for a sober, thorough reassessment of the prospects for human cloning and what it is about such cloning that people fear and condemn.

There was a genuine gut reaction in many people to news of Dolly, which seems undiminished in its intensity. A affront to nature, a blasphemy, man playing God — such predictable comments were often made. But we should recognise that human reproduction is a sensitive and a new method that has in impact on human reproduction will always be greeted with fear and revulsion by the majority who have no problems procreating.

When the techniques of donor sperm fertilisation and *in vitro* fertilisation were introduced in the 1950s and 1970s, respectively, they met great hostility, even threats of criminal legislation in some countries. But fertility is a devastating experience that has been estimated to affect at least five million couples in the United States alone.

The hostility has lessened over the years, as some of the early fears



A birth too far... animal experiments could result in immense benefits, but the same techniques used on human beings are too risky, says Dr Alan Colman

have evaporated and great joy has been brought to some couples. But controversy remains in the very low success rates seen in IVF and in the disputes that can arise over legal paternity between a child's biological and non-biological parents. Though cloning would further complicate the legal issues, this is not grounds for banning it.

Charges that man is playing God are — in my view — easily dismissed because so long as he has been able to intervene in nature, he has been playing God. Medical practice is just one example of intervention.

As to the cloning of dictators and celebrities, or the manufacture of a super race, it must be restated that genetic identity does not guarantee identical personality and behaviour. These uses, along with the cloning of dead loved ones, are unethical: they dehumanise the

new individual because he or she can be considered the product of an assembly line.

It is easy to fall back on feelings of revulsion to explain one's antagonism to human cloning. But there was also widespread revulsion at the prospect of heart or kidney transplants. There are still sections of society who reject these treatments, but most people now accept the benefits.

One big objection to cloning is that it denies an individual the right to inherit a unique set of genes; unique in the sense that the particular permutation has not appeared before. It is unfair that we should be able to choose the genetics of our offspring. Admittedly we already, through our own genotypes and by our choice of mate, limit the gene pool available to each child.

Cloning removes the chance



Dolly: caused a furor

element from the lottery of reproduction. A cloned child would be born with a baggage of unrealistic expectations and hopes for his or her development. Most parents have expectations and hopes for their children, but here aspirations would be pre-ganged by what had transpired in the life of the older clone.

Similar concerns were expressed

before the birth of Louise Brown, the first test-tube baby. So far as I know, she was allowed a childhood free from media and other invasive scrutiny. I just do not believe that man-made clones would be granted the same freedom to develop and therefore, I say that human cloning using adult cells is unethical.

I believe cloning is unsafe. The process that led to Dolly began with the transfer of the nucleus of an adult cell to an unfertilised egg taken from a donor animal by a process known as cell fusion. The "reconstructed" embryo is cultured and eventually returned to the womb of a foster mother and brought to term.

From more than 430 attempted fusions, 277 reconstructed embryos were made in this way; of these, 29 survived to the stage that they could be returned to foster mothers and only one survived to term. In other

experiments, some of the lost fetuses were abnormal. Just think of the huge waste of material and human suffering such a low success rate would imply.

On top of this there are grounds for believing that as we get older, our cellular DNA (the building block of our genes) gradually accumulates mutations and suffers other changes, which account for the fact that we are increasingly likely to develop cancer as we get older.

This might also explain how our cells, and thus our bodies, are affected by ageing. A person cloned from an adult cell might have a higher risk of cancer or premature ageing — but we wouldn't know that for years. Is society prepared to take that risk?

I do not agree that all uncertainties can be wiped from the system by animal experiments. There are

too many differences between mammals and their reproductive physiology and embryology to be sure that no deformed infant would be born. No doctor could take that risk. Cloning would join Thalidomide in the teratogenic hall of infamy.

All new medical advances are potentially unsafe, and no progress would be made if safety alone was the only issue. But risk-to-benefit ratios are always considered before new treatments are sanctioned. Their application to new productive treatments are particularly problematic. Whose risk are we talking about, that of the egg donor, womb donor or the unborn child?

Perhaps the only reasonable case for human cloning is when the prospective mother suffers from a genetic disease not attributable to the main body of genes found in the nucleus, but to genes elsewhere in the cell (the mitochondria). With all existing methods of conception, both natural and assisted, all children of such women would inherit the disease-causing genes.

A case has been made for such women conceiving normally and then allowing a cell from the doomed embryo to be fused to the fertilised egg from a healthy human egg donor. If successful, this would result in a child free from the disease which has a unique genetic blueprint and one made up from equal contributions from the original couple (apart from the offending non-nuclear genes). The fact that such an early donor cell would be used might avoid the risk of accumulated DNA damage. Even so, with a frequency of mitochondrial disease of one in 20,000, I believe that the procedural risk greatly outweighs the benefit.

So human cloning is, and will, I hope, continue to be unethical. A child so "manufactured" — and that I believe is the appropriate term — could be a 21st-century circus act. Even if the child's uniqueness is not compromised, the technique is unsafe and inefficient and the risks greatly outweigh any marginal benefit.

The question of whether the research should have been done is often asked. The answer has to be an unequivocal yes. There is an immense potential for non-human cloning work to provide insight and benefit for the human condition.

Dr Alan Colman is the research director of PPL Therapeutics, which worked on Dolly with the Roslin Institute.

THE wings of tropical butterflies are the envy of physicists. The brilliant, iridescent colours of the wings are caused not simply by pigments, but by a combination of interference, diffraction and reflection of light. Tiny structures comparable in scale to the wavelength of light can perform feats unmatched in any laboratory.

But with the butterfly's help, physicists hope to use some of the same tricks to design circuits based on light, rather than electrons. They are working on photonic bandgap structures, materials with a grid-like pattern that can route, reflect and filter light of specific wavelengths. The structures are made by etching arrays of tiny holes in semiconductor wafers like those used for electronic circuits. Those made so far operate in the infrared region of the spectrum, but the journal *Opto* and *Laser Europe* says butterflies can do much better.

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As light as a butterfly



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Nigel Hawkes

ideas for other wavelengths.

The South American butterfly *Morpho* has scales on its wings that can operate in the blue and even ultraviolet regions of the spectrum. In blue light, says Dr Roy Sambles, the head of the university's thin-film photonics group, the wings reflected up to 75 per cent of the light falling on them, with a huge angular spread. "We want to find out how nature achieves such colour reflectivity and if the results in the visible region of the spectrum will give new

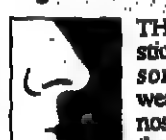
a number of layers, like the branches of a Christmas tree. Each branch, stands about a thousandth of a millimetre high, with six branches at fixed spacings. It is the inter-

action of the light with these branches that produces the blue iridescence of the wings.

The Exeter team hopes to understand, then to mimic, these structures. They see some obvious applications. For example, if the black colour of some of the scales results from light being absorbed, then copying it would make an excellent "stealth" material, which would disappear into the background because it did not reflect light. If the wide spread of reflected light can be copied, it might be used to make wide-angle liquid crystal displays.

Dr Helen Ghiradella, of the University of Albany in New York, a pioneer in the study of butterfly wings, says they evolved to provide vivid colours in the blue and ultraviolet end of the spectrum, which few pigments can produce. The colours are used for courtship and for camouflage, the greens matching the reflection of sunlight from leaves. The specialised cells evolved from the bristles that all insects have, she says.

Nobody wins by a nose



THE strips of sticky tape that some athletes wear across their noses in the hope that it will improve their performance do no good, a study of people exercising at the University of Buffalo has shown.

The strips aim to improve airflow through the nose by forcing the nostrils to flare.

In fact, many athletes wear them too far up the nose to have any such effect, but even when correctly worn they do not work, says Professor Frank Cerny, who presented the results of his study last Friday at a meeting of the American College of Sports Medicine.

Professor Cerny used volunteers working on an exercise bicycle to measure the point at which an athlete shifts from breathing through the nose to breathing through the mouth

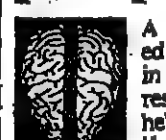
as the intensity of the effort of exercise increases. The strips had no effect, showing that they did not make nasal breathing during intense exercise any easier, and did not enhance performance.

Only those who suffer asthma might benefit, he thinks.

The strips do improve nasal flow during low-intensity exercise, enabling people to go on breathing through their noses for longer.

This helps asthmatics because the inhaled air is warmed more efficiently if it comes through the nose, making it less likely to trigger an attack of asthma.

A matter of perception



A WALNUT-sized structure deep in the brain is responsible for helping us decide if someone looks shifty. The amygdala, a primitive part of the brain, has already been linked with the perception of fear, but a team from the University of Iowa has taken it a stage further.

They showed people 100 photographs of individuals and asked them if they thought they looked trustworthy, and whether they would

strike up a conversation with them on the street. People who had suffered damage to both sides of their amygdala found all of them trustworthy, even the dodgiest-looking ones.

Dr Antonio Damasio, who reports the results in *Nature*, says that when asked to base judgments on short biographies rather than visual appearance, those with damaged amygdalae do perfectly well. So it looks as though the amygdala is responsible for snap judgments, made almost instinctively.

He speculates that the amygdala may be involved in autism, a disorder in which sufferers find it hard to understand people.

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Yes, there is someone watching you — the boss

Next time you write on your computer the words "sex", "bored", or "boss", you may be unwittingly sounding an alarm on a new office surveillance system that allows your bosses to spy on everything you type.

Paranoid? You will be, as the modern workplace descends into a den of electrified suspicion that puts more and more workers on the payroll of Big Brother.

The Desktop Surveillance programme, to be launched this week, is a response to last month's report showing that 84 per cent of fraud was committed by company employees. Although some office workers are obviously engaged in the kind of criminal subterfuge that may be curbed by the new programme, others have already been subjected to a range of nervous twitches from bosses who are not above rifling through their subordinates' e-mail, listening to their telephone calls, and training CCTV cameras on them. The result is a growing lack of trust between management and workforce.

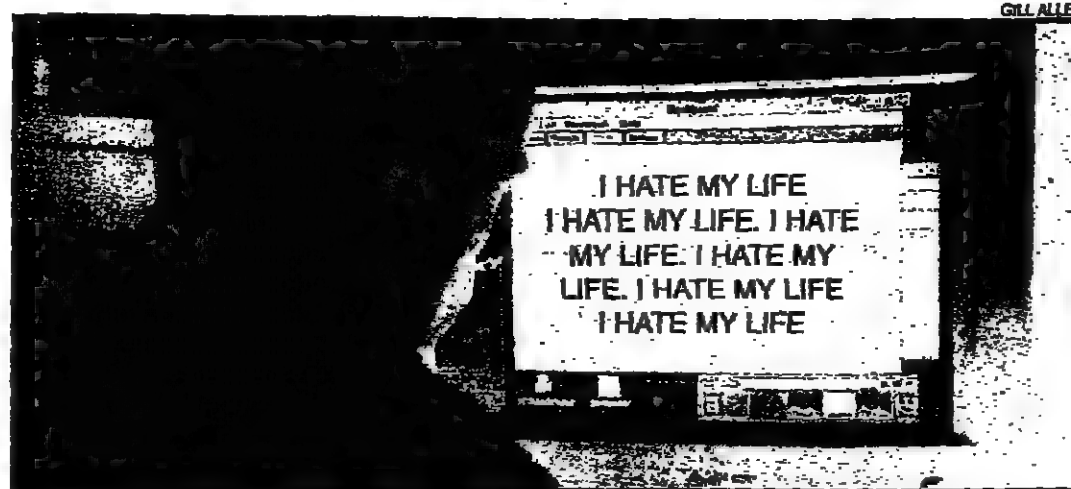
The new surveillance system will reinforce this, but Daniel Sobstel, director of Omniquad, which has developed it, is unequivocal about the need for more sophisticated

The office machines and the laptop you take home may be spying on you. Helen Rumbelow reports

office spying. "With office fraud so prevalent, the future of investigation at work is obvious," he says. "This programme is like opening an umbrella when you know it's going to rain."

Monitoring the rate of "key-stroke" activity is already a common way of making sure employees work diligently, although many elude monitoring by getting into the habit of typing "I hate my life" at regular intervals. However, the new package is a real ghost in the machine, not only allowing a suspicious boss to monitor his workers' screens as they type, but also recording their every activity to be played back at leisure or in speeded up time. For the truly voyeuristic boss the programme can be tailored so that when an employee takes home the office laptop, it will e-mail regular reports on how it is being used.

The first method is preventative, explains Mr Sobstel. "It can display a small eye popping down from the tool bar to let people know they are being watched. It's a deterrent, like a burglar alarm. The second method is when you do



Watching you, watching me: workers can try to fool computer programs monitoring activity

suspect something is happening. Then you can shut the eye off and watch and wait. It can let you know it is recording every time someone accesses the company accounts or adult chat rooms, or trigger on certain words like 'sex' or your name.

Of course there are other interest-

ed parties: parents, for example, may be willing to fork out the £33 to add to their already sophisticated monitoring of their children, as may schools, or suspicious lovers sharing a terminal.

But the workplace is the most likely home for the new bug as British employees have less right to

privacy than people in almost any other industrialised nation. The use of CCTV is the biggest growth area in the industrial security industry, and many people may not realise that their "swipe" cards used to gain access to the building can also be used by a computer to log their comings and goings, as can the new

type of "smart lights" which switch on only when there is someone beneath them. These can alert CCTV cameras to movement at a desk, while telephone software analyses numbers dialled and received.

Aware that they are being watched, many workers have resorted to using code names for bosses (these can lead to dangerous gossip when the real identity of "Pinky" is confused) and many computer games now have a "boss alert" key which immediately reverts the screen to a spreadsheet when the supervisor's presence is sensed.

In America a recent survey by the American Management Association showed that 40 per cent of employers kept a track of employees' telephone calls, and 16 per cent used CCTV. In Britain a new report from Professor David Metcalf and Sue Fennie at the LSE's Centre for Economic Performance called the technology "the new industrial tyranny" that makes surveillance of the assembly line look like a "Sunday school picnic".

There is little redress under British law. The Data Protection Act allows management to put its workforce under surveillance in all parts of their working life as long as employees are warned of that possibility, says Ian Lloyd, Professor of Information Technology Law at Strathclyde University.

"If keyboard activity was monitored secretly then yes, that may be regarded as 'unfair'," he says. "But surveillance is only going to get worse, and there is the need for much more legislative control — what we have at present is barely adequate."

Sarah Evans, a partner in Ernst & Young's fraud investigation group, believes that the real problem is the atmosphere of mutual suspicion between management and workforce that has accelerated in the past decade and led to the breakdown in trust.

"Once people know they are being watched, morale goes down," says Ms Evans. "Disaffected employees are more likely to defraud. It can become a vicious circle. We should get back to the old fashioned use of monitoring throughout our working lives — such as asking simple questions like: 'Are you happy in your job?'"

Women who make it hard to behave badly

The Women's Coalition in Northern Ireland was central to the peace agreement but it faces electoral oblivion. Martin Fletcher meets a co-founder

The candidate for Northern Ireland's new assembly, Monica McWilliams — a 44-year-old social policy professor and mother of two boys — strides purposefully around the smart new homes of the Garland Hill development on Belfast's rural southeastern fringe. With leaflets in hand, a television crew in tow and canvassers in support, the co-founder of the Women's Coalition is directly challenging the province's long tradition of macho sectarian politics. Times are changing in what has long been the most backward region of the United Kingdom. At almost every door Mrs McWilliams is greeted enthusiastically by young professional couples with gaggles of children around their knees. Many promise seriously to consider breaking their lifelong voting habits by backing her on Thursday week. "We want new faces," says Maureen McDermid, a day care worker. "We need to get away from

tribal politics," agrees a young male bank manager. Only one woman fails to recognise her. "Where's she been for the last two years?" Mrs McWilliams mutters beneath her breath as she forges on.

Admiration for Mrs McWilliams and her fledgling party extends far beyond Garland Hill and the South Belfast constituency. Their endorsements are of the sort that should be displayed in lights outside a West End theatre. "They have made an enormous contribution to the peace process," declared George Mitchell, the former US Senate leader and Stormont peace talks chairman. They were "key to building support for the (Good Friday) agreement," enthused Hillary Clinton. "They stick in there and make it harder to behave badly and childish," said Mo Mowlam, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland. Berrie Ahern, the Irish Taoiseach, called them: "A breath of fresh air in Northern Ireland."

Unfortunately, this side of

goodwill is not enough to sweep the Coalition into office. In fact, the Coalition is in danger of electoral obliteration thanks to a voting system that strongly favours the province's big old tribal and shamelessly patriarchal parties.

This is a pity, not only because the cross-community Coalition has much to offer, but also because Northern Ireland is embarrassingly short of women in public office. None of its 18 MPs and three MEPs is female — the province has elected only three women MPs in its 77-year history. Only 89 of its 581 councillors are women. It has no female High Court judges, no female permanent secretaries in its Civil Service, and just three of the Royal Ulster Constabulary's 123 superintendents are women. Of the 296 assembly candidates only 46 are female, and few of them stand much chance of success. Indeed the role of women in Northern Ireland during 30 years of The Troubles has been largely confined to that of grassroots activists holding communities together.

Such was the background of most of the Coalition's founding members, but their break came in 1996 when the Government announced elections for a debating forum that would send delegates to the peace talks. To ensure two small parties representing loyalist paramilitaries won seats, it guaranteed places for the top ten parties. Mrs McWilliams, a Catholic, Pearl Sagar, a Protestant social worker, and like-minded women from across the social and religious spectrum came together, formed a party, and amassed 7,731 votes in six weeks, scraping home in ninth place. The nearest they had been to a negotiating table before that day was to polish it. The forum was a nightmare. The women were mocked at, accused of "whingeing" and "whining", mockingly told to



Monica McWilliams: the nearest her Women's Coalition members had come to a negotiating table was to polish it before the Stormont talks

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The president who pawned his people

Thomas de Waal examines the disturbing questions facing a leader who is devoted to chess

The murky cloud over a tiny Russian republic is getting blacker. Kirsan Ilyumzhinov, the head of the International Chess Federation (Fide) and President of Kalmykia, has already been accused of corruption, last week his most prominent critic, a fearless female journalist, was abducted and murdered. If this has gone largely unreported, it is perhaps because the sport concerned is the rarefied world of chess, which few follow so closely as football or tennis, and the murder took place in a remote Russian city called Elista.

Still aged just 36, Mr Ilyumzhinov is the head of the only Buddhist region in Europe, the autonomous republic of Kalmykia, by the Caspian Sea. As president of Fide, he brought the world title match between Anatoly Karpov and Garry Kasparov to his tiny capital of Elista.

He loves to make extravagant promises: that for instance he will buy Diego Maradona for the local football team (languishing in the Russian Second Division), or that every Kalmyk shepherd out in the steppe will be provided with a satellite telephone. All very amusing, though less so to the Kalmyks, who are desperately poor and waiting for him to deliver on his pledges.

But now the story has gone beyond the realms of Evelyn Waugh farce. On June 7 the Editor of the independent newspaper, *Sovetskoye Kalmykiya*, Larisa Yudin, went missing.

She had been summoned to a meeting by a man who said he was offering her new information on Mr Ilyumzhinov's financial dealings. She never came back. Her body was discovered the next evening, brutally stabbed with a knife. Mrs Yudin had been conducting a fearless campaign to investigate corruption in Kalmykia. In particular she wanted to know what happened to \$70 million-worth of funds to buy Kalmyk wool that were allocated to a commercial firm headed by Kirsan Ilyumzhinov in 1992 and then went missing. Shortly after the firm disbanded, Mr Ilyumzhinov was elected President of Kalmykia.

Mrs Yudin's researches were unwelcome. She was threatened and evicted from her offices and there was an attempt to burn down the door of her flat. Mr Ilyumzhinov stopped her printing her newspaper in Kalmykia, so — in a case of *sumskiyar* for the 1990s — she had to publish in Volgograd, 300 miles away, and brought in to the republic every week by Lada.

Mr Ilyumzhinov meanwhile went from strength to strength. He has had his presidential term extended to the year 2002. A fanatical chess player, he was elected president of Fide and is planning to bring his own knockout version of the world chess

championship and the chess olympiad to Elista later this year.

The President has used chess as his passport to international renown. All over Kalmykia, children are attending special chess schools. He also claims to be building a "chess city", modelled on the Olympic villages of the West. The city will remind most Russians of a fictional fraudster called Ostap Bender from the classic Soviet comic novel *The Twelve Chairs*. He, too, said he wanted to build a chess city, called Noviy Vasyuki; it never got built and Bender disappeared with the money. Bender, like Ilyumzhinov, had lots of charm; certainly, it takes panache to squander much of a small republic's budget on the beautiful game of chess — not unlike King Ludwig II of Bavaria's love affair with Wagnerian opera. But the net result is the same: a poor country suffering under one man and his whims.

When I went to Elista two years ago, I found it dusty and depressed and the people polite but evasive. Only Mrs Yudin's stuffy offices provided some fresh air. She was deadpan and ironic in a completely Russian way: yet only real courage could keep a defenceless woman in her fifties fighting for the truth in this remote place. And they really feared her. After my visit to the newspaper offices, the presidential press secretary decided to cancel my scheduled interview with Mr Ilyumzhinov. He said he was "disappointed" and said he would ring *The Times* and have a word with the Editor about my conduct.

We do not know who killed Mrs Yudin. The Kalmyk authorities were quick to say that it was a criminal murder. Her colleagues and reporters are sure it was a political killing, planned by those who wanted to shut her up. If that is so, it raises the most disturbing questions about the politics of Kalmykia.

Russia-watchers should ask questions, too. The way Kalmykia is run is proof of the way democracy is still a political weapon, not an end in itself. In some areas such as Moscow and St Petersburg, democratic politics is a stick for President Yeltsin to beat the communist opposition with. But men such as Mr Ilyumzhinov, or Murza Rakhimov of Bashkortostan, delivered a solid vote for Mr Yeltsin in 1996, while tramping on democracy at home. So long as Mr Ilyumzhinov remains a Yeltsin loyalist, the Kremlin is unlikely to question how he spends his money or how his bravest critic came to be so callously murdered.

The author was last week presented with a James Cameron award for his reporting on Chechnya for *The Times*; the award was shared with Carlotta Gall.

When David English defined the Mail's territory in Middle England, he also set an agenda for new Labour

How Labour learnt simple English

One of the best tributes to Sir David English, who was the editor-in-chief and chairman of Associated Newspapers, was to be found in the issue of *The Mirror* which reported his death. The obituary included the judgment of the Editor of *The Mirror*, Piers Morgan. He wrote that David English "was the newspaper genius that every journalist of my age looked up to and aspired to imitate". Yet the real tribute was *The Mirror* itself. It still has a "red top" front page, but inside it now follows the English formula.

In newspaper terms, *The Mirror* looks like the inside of the *Daily Mail* wrapped in the outside of *The Sun*. Nothing better illustrates David English's influence, or his success. *The Mirror*, then still called the *Daily Mirror*, dropped its famous "Forward with the People" slogan on October 12, 1959, as its immediate reaction to Harold Macmillan's general election victory. In the 1940s and 1950s, the *Mirror* was the leading newspaper of working-class political activism. Even under the eccentric proprietorship of Robert Maxwell in the 1980s, it did not entirely lose that character. It has certainly discarded it now.

The most interesting change is that *The Mirror*, which once ran Andy Capp as a cartoon, is now very much a woman's paper, following the pattern of the *Daily Mail*. The front page of last Thursday remained a tabloid page; in that issue it was dominated by a picture of the bruised face of Ulrika Jonsson. Yet even this is a woman's-interest story. An earlier *Mirror* might have put the Scotland-Brazil game on the front page; it was, after all, the first match of the World Cup and had been watched by millions on television.

Inside there were two more pages on the Ulrika story: "I confirm my relationship with Stan Collymore is now over". That was followed by a

double-page spread on Prince Harry getting into Eton, complete with a glossary of Eton slang. *Mirror* readers were told that members of Pop are allowed "to wear multi-coloured waistcoats". The only criticism in its otherwise adulatory coverage was looking upmarket for potential readers, while the two high-selling broadsheets, *The Times* and *The Daily Telegraph*, know that they can recruit additional readers only from the *Mirror's* catchment area. Both tabloids and broadsheets are now learning the lessons of the *Mirror's* success.

As Editor, David English made the *Daily Mail* a very good newspaper, with strong features, on top of the news, competitive for scoops. But his real gift was his sense of his audience.

He made the paper much more attractive to women: he made it broadly conservative; he made it interesting to the young but kept it comfortable for older readers; he gave his paper a certain classlessness, which he had himself. Neither the man nor his newspaper raised any of the class hackles which still exist in Britain.

Paul Dacre, the present Editor, is very successful, and very consistent, but it was David English who decided where to pitch the *Mail's*

remains Conservative in its politics and, despite Lord Rothermere will probably lose readers if it ever advises them to vote Labour, it is ethically more conservative than Conservative. New Labour is itself an almost unbelievably conservative development from the traditional Labour Party, by far the most conservative Labour administration Britain has ever had.

One difference between Mailism and Blairism is in their attitude towards age. If one were to put the images on a grid, one would mark new Labour and the *Daily Mail* as about equally feminine in tone, but Labour is relatively youthful and the *Mail* is relatively middle-aged. The image of the *Mail* is at least in the middle forties; new Labour is a bit more trendy and youthful than that. New Labour sometimes seems to be on its last legs in the nightclub of youth. Both assume, correctly, that the middle class is the dominant class of Middle Britain, and it has increasingly been so since the Second World War.

New Labour and the *Daily Mail* also shared their perception of Diana, Princess of Wales. The *Mail* was the newspaper which established the closest links to her; it had the best connection and the best understanding of the Diana phenomenon. Tony Blair, as a politician, had the same sensitivity.

Both newspapers and politicians live by their ability to respond to

William Rees-Mogg

lent. The management has supported the consistency: readers know that the paper's view of the world will not change every three years with a new editor: that had been the weakness of the *Daily Express*, a once-great newspaper repeatedly undermined by the unreliability of its proprietors, who have themselves repeatedly changed.

There is a curious sympathy between the success of the *Daily Mail* and that of new Labour, despite the political difference. Both are designed to appeal strongly to women. Both are centrist. Although the *Mail*

social changes. In the great 19th-century flowering of *The Times*, when Abraham Lincoln compared its power to that of the Mississippi, it was the voice of the dominant class, of the 19th-century English establishment. Hugh Cudlipp's *Daily Mirror* in the 1940s and 1950s was the voice of postwar popular socialism, of the factory workers in the factory age. The success of the *Mail* and of new Labour rests on a similar identification with contemporary social reality.

My own view is that the *Mail's* social formula is the more robust of the two. The *Mail* is closer to the mood of the older half of the population. Even at the last general election, half the voters were 55 or over. Labour's "new", "modern" rhetoric seems overblown to many of those who have seen "new" governments only too often before, and may even remember Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal. The *Mail* is better than new Labour with this group. It probably also understands women better. It is feminist, but its feminism owes more to Diana than to Germaine Greer.

Britain is now a middle-class, middle-income society, with an increasingly feminine values system, and a rising average age. No doubt there will be new changes, but for the 1990s, the Zeitgeist of the *Daily Mail* is prevailing. The balancing point of modern English society might be a computer-literate 47-year-old grandmother, earning a good professional living in a law office or a doctor's surgery, in Norwich or Nantwich; she wheels her own granddaughter to Tesco's or Sainsbury's on a Saturday morning. She is the real new Britannia. David English understood her; the *Daily Mail* knows what she is thinking; Tony Blair has an intuition about her; the rest of us are lagging behind, trying to find out.

On the outside looking in

Monetary union is still the test of Blair's credibility in Europe, says Peter Riddell

Forget the hullabaloo about the European presidency and the Cardiff summit. These are largely bureaucratic and public relations contrivances. Nothing controversial was ever going to be agreed ahead of the German elections in September. The real question is whether Tony Blair has fulfilled his pre-election pledge to improve Britain's relations with the EU.

Mr Blair has developed an ambivalent view of Europe. He believes that Britain's future lies within the EU, rather than on the fringes. He does not share the sceptics' fears about a loss of British identity or sovereignty, and he recognises that there may need to be further integration on the environment and some crime issues, as well as after monetary union. Yet he has often been impatient with Brussels and with the long-winded discussions at summits, while he does not disguise his irritation with the European Parliament. Moreover, like most of his predecessors in Downing Street, he often casts a fond eye over his shoulder to Washington.

His European reputation is mixed. Continental politicians still want to be seen with him and he attracted extensive media attention on his recent tour of European capitals. Together with Robin Cook, Mr Blair has largely banished the negative impression of a Britain always objecting to EU proposals because of internal Tory splits. The polls already suggest that Europe is less of a bogey to many voters. The Government has shown it can do business and reach agreements. It not only backed the Amsterdam treaty, but it has taken several initiatives during the presidency: launching the enlargement



process, on the environment, ending a trade dispute with the United States, and moving towards ending the ban on British beef exports.

Yet Britain still looks a nation apart. Mr Blair was criticised during the Iraqi crisis in February for concentrating on his close relations with President Clinton, rather than on his presidency role of seeking a common European position. British claims about leading Europe rankled and have been toned down. Mr Blair has also admitted that the Brussels summit on monetary union was "a short-term mess", and his approach annoyed smaller countries.

British and continental attitudes remain different, despite attempts by Blairite ministers to build bridges with the Jospin socialists. New Labour is much more positive than the

RIDDELL ON MONDAY

French about globalisation and flexible labour markets, and more hostile to protection and initiatives such as a 35-hour week. Admittedly, Gordon Brown has won support for national action plans for encouraging job creation, and their progress will be discussed today.

However, Britain's credibility in these talks, and its influence, are inevitably hampered by the Government's decision not to participate in the single currency from its start. Ministers hope that the disadvantages of exclusion will be mitigated by the expectation that Britain will join after the next election, a view expressed yesterday by Jacques Santer, President Chirac and Robin Cook.

Nonetheless, Mr Blair faces the dilemma of how to show that the British approach to Europe has really changed. Revealingly, this review is being driven by No 10 and the Cabinet Office. Just as Mr Cook was not involved in the pre-Brussels talks on monetary union, Mr Cook and his ministers did not take part in a major discussion of European policy in Downing Street a fortnight ago — and the Foreign Office is angry at being marginalised. Instead, Mr Cook has concentrated, quite effectively, on being a crisis manager, using his close relationship with Madeleine Albright over Iraq, nuclear tests and Kosovo.

Mr Blair wants Britain in the vanguard of EU reform. Rather than expressing irritation at being preempted by last week's letter from

Chancellor Kohl and President Chirac, he argues that it demonstrates the new consensus that the EU is too remote from people. In Chancellor Kohl's case, this partly reflects the imminence of elections, but all German leaders believe an anti-Brussels line goes down well with voters. Mr Blair argues that for monetary union to be popularly acceptable, there has to be a strengthening of democratic legitimacy. He wants to use the Kohl/Chirac letter to strengthen the role of national governments and parliaments, rather than the European Commission and parliament.

Of course, there is resistance from these bodies, and from some smaller countries. But he hopes that the Cardiff summit will launch a review of political reform by personal representatives of heads of government. This may include firming up subsidiarity, as well as British ideas such as creating a small second European chamber of 50 to 60 from senior members of national parliaments to handle subsidiarity, and forming a super-council of senior ministers to meet regularly. This review would be separate from constitutional changes needed before enlargement, over the size of the commission (a few big portfolios), altering the balance of voting between large and small countries, and extending qualified majority voting.

Nothing will be decided in Cardiff either on reform of the common agricultural policy or the EU budget (especially any revision of contributions). Everyone is waiting for the German elections in September. The key new player then is likely to be Gerhard Schröder, and the crucial relationship will be Schröder-Jospin. Mr Blair cannot hope for an equal say as long as Britain stays out of the single currency. But Mr Brown has recently been noticeably more positive, and Mr Blair is soon expected to talk more about British readiness for entry when the time comes. Mr Blair has begun to change European views of Britain, but monetary union will be the real test of his European credentials.

Fairy tales

RUPERT EVERETT, the flamboyant actor and model, proved to be a first-rate fairy at school. I learn this fascinating snippet about the star of *My Best Friend's Wedding* during a conversation with Julian Wadham, his fellow thespian. Both were at Ampleford College during the Seventies and appeared alongside each other in almost every production put on by the Roman Catholic boys' public school. Wadham and Everett usually ended up with the female parts. One of the latter's most memorable appearances on the stage was as Titania, Queen of the Fairies, in Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (right).

After leaving school, the two Amplefordians knocked into each other again on the sets of *Another Country* and *The Madness of King George III*. "Rupert and I go back a long way," says Wadham. "We are both fond of each other. I do like to act with him." A childhood friend of Everett says that he is never surprised that the actor is often cast as a decadent public schoolboy — he displayed so many characteristics when young — as always of an artistic bent, says the friend, adding that



being asked to play the part of Titania would be seen by some as something of a compliment. "All boys schools had problems filling the female roles in plays; they usually fell to the prettiest boys."

TO what lengths will Tony Blair go to catch a few moments from the World Cup? About 50 Labour MPs, who have clubbed together to buy a wide-screen television receiver and set it up in a room at Westminster for the duration, found out last week. The syndicate had decided that its members

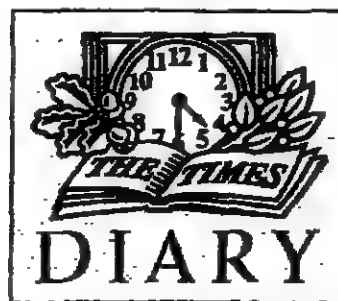
could watch for free but others would have to pay £5 per match. Ten minutes into last week's Scotland-Brazil match, Blair walked in to catch what was left of the first half. Whispers began circulating the room: who dared ask him for money? One brave soul stepped forward. After a moment's indecision, the PM pulled out a fiver.

Strong on Fidel

FIDEL CASTRO has a new comrade in the strange shape of Viscount Montgomery of Alamein. Monty's boy has been becoming chummy with the dictator of one of the world's last Stalinist redoubts during trips to Cuba and is lobbying the Foreign Office to invite him on for an official visit. "Señor Castro is an extremely good company," says the 2nd Viscount. "He is very charismatic and an excellent host."

Montgomery has, however, one quibble about the extent of the Cuban leader's dubiosity: his mammoth speeches. "The President argued that Sir Winston Churchill was also a big orator. I pointed out that, unlike him, Winston prepared well but spoke briefly."

DAVID PUTNAM once fancied himself as a rock'n'roll star. "I'm sure there are those who watch



the Eurovision Song Contest and stand in front of a bedroom mirror holding a comb as a microphone and imagine they are performing one of the numbers," says the good lord. "I know I used to. Except in those days, I'd imagine I was Elvis Presley. The mere thought leaves me all shook up."

Long on Fidelio

IN HIS attempt to bring opera to the people next month, Chris Smith has ignored the views of his own musical adviser. Instead, he has plumped for a work notorious for being difficult to appreciate fully, even by the most sophisticated of ears. The Culture Secretary has chosen to broadcast Beethoven's *Fidelio* onto a giant screen at Somerset House during an evening which will be free and aimed at

"appealing to the broadest possible audience". Yet the work, which will be sung in German, lasts almost three hours and contains a great deal of dialogue. Even opera buffs find it hard to enjoy fully.

"Smith's department wanted to find a new audience," says Phil Ward, the Arts Council's opera officer. "But we said it would not be the easiest thing to present to a new audience. If it was *Carmen* and one of the big, fat tenors was taking part, it would have greater appeal." At this rate, Smith's policy seems unlikely to receive an encore.

AFTER being made a patron of the race track at Goodwood by the



Earl of March at the weekend, Stirling Moss (pictured) was asked what memories he had of the circuit which his career ended in a near-fatal crash: "I have no ill feelings because I cannot remember the place. I was unconscious for a month."

House whine

WHAT price open democracy? About £9.50, according to a proposal being considered by Ann Taylor, Leader of the House, to charge for entry to the Palace of Westminster. The study, produced by a group of consultants, suggests that the House should follow the Queen's example (she has earned more than £5 million since opening Buckingham Palace two years ago) and charge voters for the privilege of seeing the glorified town hall where their elected representatives network and fill in expenses forms. Having paid, they would see even less activity than normal: the scheme will operate only during recess.

"Many tourists would want to visit the building if it were open at those times," says Taylor. "It is right to consider charging in that context." Perhaps she should consider asking John Prescott and Sir Nicholas Sturgeon to do a variety double act to ensure the punters receive value for money.



MINNIE DRIVER is to embark upon a diet. The British-born movie actress has to date been able to escape the rigours of Hollywood's obsession with lipo-suctioned females. But no more. Driver, who appeared in *Good Will Hunting*, has been offered the part of a girl from a poor white trash background in deepest Louisiana who becomes Miss America in *Beautiful*, a movie tribute to the beauty pageant. If she sheds a few pounds, no doubt her many admirers will enthusiastically enjoy the difference.

JASPER GERARD



A DRAGON IN WALES

Federalism has not disappeared from the EU agenda

Irony will be high on the menu during the EU summit today. One major state will outline a set of national grievances against the European Commission and demand action from partners who are plainly unwilling. The host will do his best through delicate diplomacy to allow such protests to be registered without prejudicing the whole summit. There is nothing especially novel in this state of affairs, except that Tony Blair will play the role of patient chairman while Helmut Kohl acts the outraged anti-federalist.

Herr Kohl will apparently have much to say while others eat. His list will include the size of German budgetary contributions and a set of decisions, antipathetic to German interests, that have come from Brussels. He will ask for a rebate to deal with one problem and a renewed stress on subsidiarity for the other. British observers, associating these stands and rhetoric with Margaret Thatcher and John Major respectively, might regard the German Chancellor as an unlikely but welcome convert to Euroscepticism, especially since his letter last week, co-signed with President Chirac, firmly rejected any notion of a single centralised European state.

Mr Blair may see this as an opportunity. British officials were, last week, revisiting that sad and discredited slogan, "winning the argument" in Europe. But the Prime Minister should not interpret the Chancellor's words as a defining moment. Herr Kohl's shift of emphasis reflects his enfeebled position as the German elections approach. His voters are less enthused with Europe than he has been. If re-elected, his scepticism may vanish. Even if he loses, his successor might well continue his work.

It is true that the Chancellor has developed a distaste for the European Commission. His administration has fought

to protect subsidies and restrictive regulations. The Commission has, rightly, fought to strike down most of these measures as incompatible with the rigours of a single market. The Kohl-Chirac message may have expressed hostility towards a "centralised Europe". This did not prevent the same document demanding a "deeper union" on political matters. And the advent of the single currency is already bringing federalism on economic matters. It is the European Commission, not the European objective, that Herr Kohl has questioned.

The federalist dragon has not disappeared from the European Union. This remains one of the "iceberg issues" that the Cardiff summit will not address. Mr Blair will shortly be relieved of the official duties within the EU. For almost his entire period in Downing Street he has been either president-elect or president of the European Union. This has brought prestige but it has also provided a reason to defer hard thinking on European issues. He will shortly have the freedom to frame his own position. He should be under no illusion about the nature of the European Union that he will face at future summits.

There are, however, lessons that Mr Blair can learn from Herr Kohl's short-term embrace of scepticism. The first is that the advancement of a national interest—even in isolation—is a perfectly legitimate practice. The second is that in such disputes a little intransigence is entirely appropriate. The Germans have indicated that they will openly defy a European Court ruling applying internal market rules to their health system. There has been little outrage as a result. The Prime Minister is about to end a period in which he has, with some style, played his part on the international stage. The era of hard choices will shortly begin.

IRISH SENTENCES

This pledge on decommissioning cannot be dodged or fudged

When Tony Blair invited his party to re-write Clause 4 of its constitution, he stressed how important it was that "we say what we mean and mean what we say". Today the Prime Minister is being invited to live up to that principle on a matter where the weight of his words is crucial. It was a hand-written pledge from the Prime Minister which won the convincing majority in the referendum on the Good Friday agreement in Northern Ireland. The essence of that pledge and promises made in the House of Commons is the insistence that paramilitary organisations demonstrate that they have forsaken violence before their prisoners and political representatives can enjoy the fruits of peace.

Unfortunately, as it stands, the legislation designed to give effect to that pledge, the Northern Ireland (Sentences) Bill, is an imperfect instrument of the Prime Minister's professed will. Amendments tabled by the Opposition, which should be debated in the Commons today, give the Government an opportunity to mean what the Prime Minister said. Ministers should welcome this opportunity to keep faith with the democratic majority in Northern Ireland.

Mr Blair's hand-written pledge was given at a crucial moment in the referendum campaign. The Prime Minister recognised that moderate voters were deeply unhappy at the prospect of terrorists enjoying early release from jail and their confederates tasting executive power while their organisations remained armed in the field. Polls suggested that those fears might translate into a "no" vote, with the majority of Unionists rejecting the agreement. Such a result would have stopped the peace train in its tracks.

The Prime Minister had already, in answer to a question from the Leader of the Opposition, spelled out that decommission-

ing illegally held weapons was an integral part of the agreement. In a speech at Balmoral, near Belfast, and in his flourished pledge on the eve of the referendum, Mr Blair sought to build on that assurance to secure a majority within Unionism for the agreement. The Prime Minister succeeded, but only by making a pledge which the Government now seems intent on fudging.

The legislation going through the Commons to give effect to the Good Friday agreement states that the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland needs to "take account of" decommissioning on deciding to grant terrorist prisoners accelerated releases. As drafted, the Bill allows the Secretary of State the discretion to release prisoners early even if there has been no decommissioning, if she believes a higher justification prevails. So, ministers might release convicted killers early in order to maintain good relations with Sinn Féin, even if no arms had been surrendered. This is no phantom fear. The Government has in the past fudged and waived decommissioning rules in order to keep Sinn Féin happy.

The Shadow Northern Ireland Secretary, Andrew Mackay, has tabled an amendment to ensure that no prisoner is released early until arms have been taken out of illegal hands. He has secured the support of the leader of the Ulster Unionist Party, David Trimble, and the most significant of those Unionist MPs who opposed the agreement, Jeffrey Donaldson. Mr Mackay deserves credit for holding the Government properly to account. His is not a wrecking or teasing amendment, but an attempt to write into law a pledge freely given. If the Government does not accept it, then other parties in the Commons should feel free to oppose what could be a fatally flawed legislation.

MONDAY MORNING FEELING

Work starts later than usual today, but it could still finish well

This could go down as Idle Monday. The strike on the London Underground will make the journey to work for hundreds of thousands even slower, more crowded and less predictable than on an ordinary Monday. In spite of official advice to strikebound commuters not to take to their cars and so clog up Central London, bicyclists, skate-boarders and walkers will beat the traffic jams to work by even more than usual. And at 1.30pm there will be a surge in demand for electricity as the country switches on television sets to watch England's opening match in the World Cup.

In the circumstances, the soft option would be to take the day off. Londoners have the excuse of the loss of their Tube. After the torrential weekend, the Monday sick-note from doctor, spouse or mother pleading chill, flu or even half-drowned will carry weight. In some parts of the country, "floods stopped travel to work" would be a plausible excuse for not turning up at factory or office.

But just bunking the day off from work in order to watch England play Tunisia would be unenterprising and unEnglish as well as idle. Struggling against fearful odds to get to work and then boring one's colleagues with accounts of one's struggles is as much a part of the English character as criticising Glenn Hoddle's team selection and tactics. Those workplaces in which work expands to fill the time available for its completion, and conversely gets done faster after taking time

off to watch football, will let their workers have a late and extended lunch break. In any case the workers will suspect that their bosses are watching the game in the board room. Other enterprises have communal television sets switched on and will turn a blind eye to those who take longer to pass them than is efficient. Those with access to The Times World Cup website can read the score as soon as it happens on the computer equivalent of tickertape, while crouched over their screens looking industrious.

An England win would have a positive effect on morale and efficiency in the workplace. At any rate, Harold Wilson thought so when England won the World Cup 30 years ago. And England ought to win. On paper, Tunisia is the weakest team in their group. But England's record against African nations is unimpressive. And Tunisia, encouraged by the performances of Morocco, Cameroon and Nigeria so far, believe that they can create an upset against this enigmatic and reclusive England squad.

Even a goalless draw would do wonders for work towards the end of this afternoon. But a loss should not be a cause for swivelling off or downing tools or drowning sorrows. It is World Cup folklore that the winning team starts slowly. The side that wins its opening matches with ease is unarmed against disappointment and disaster when they come. In the workplace as on the football pitch, a slow start can still be the prelude to a satisfactory day's work.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Prospects for British business outside the 'euro zone'

From Mr Vernon J. Ellis

Sir, Yesterday's letter from the Council of Business for Sterling points out that the British and continental business cycles are (and frequently have been) out of step. Certainly there are some structural differences, but to use this as a reason to stay out of the euro zone lays open the risk of creating a self-fulfilling prophecy.

Staying out could exacerbate those differences, just as joining could in fact drive more convergence. For example, if we see a move towards lower interest rates we are likely to see a move within the UK towards fixed-rate rather than variable-rate mortgages.

More important, what this argument fails to address is the fact that so much of our trade is already interlinked with that of Europe.

Andersen Consulting recently conducted a major review of the impact of EU membership on British business. The results showed that membership had had a fundamental and largely beneficial impact. Exports to our EU partners of goods alone have risen in value by 234 per cent in real terms since we joined the EEC 25 years ago (compared with a rise of 92 per cent in exports to the rest of the world).

The reorientation of our trade is matched by an equally dramatic change in the patterns of inward investment. We attract 28 per cent of all inward investment into the EU, and access to European markets is at least one of the principal reasons for this rapid growth. Half of the top 20 UK-based exporters are foreign-owned. Significantly, well over half the goods they produce are sold to other EU markets.

Three quarters of the business leaders we surveyed cited success in attracting inward investment as a major benefit of EU membership. In my view, we risk jeopardising this if we stay outside the euro zone.

Surely, too, we must be concerned at the prospects for an economy which is highly intertwined with the rest of Europe yet at the same time subject,

through the movement of capital flows, to unpredictable fluctuations in the exchange rate with the euro, both short and long term.

What has not been adequately addressed is how business in Britain would fare outside the euro zone. Just what is the alternative? I fear that it will not be the competitive future we seek for British business.

Those who argue that Europe as a region has no place in the increasingly global market are really missing something vital. It is Europe which gives Britain the ability to play in the world league.

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From Mr Michael Welch

Sir, There is an irony in the coincidence of the launch of Business for Sterling and the announcement that Honda will be increasing its investment in Britain with a massive new car plant at Swindon.

Foreign investors have flocked to our country because we provide them with a business-friendly environment and unrestricted access to the European single market, with its 370 million consumers; they would be seriously discouraged if Britain were to rule out joining the euro zone, thus signalling that we had no wish to be a key player in shaping the future of the EU.

Isolation is not an option at a time when the flexible labour market notwithstanding, the high pound and low productivity are driving our unit costs upwards.

Rather than placing a one-way bet on EMU's failure, those among the signatories to yesterday's letter who are still active would be better advised to concentrate their efforts on preparing their companies for the arrival of the euro. This, whether Britain is in or out, is going to trigger major changes in our most important markets, mak-

ing them more competitive than ever before.

Lord Marsh and his friends should take heed of the lesson of the five foolish virgins, who failed to get ready for the coming of the bridegroom and were permanently excluded from the feast: "And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage; and the door was shut" (Matthew xxv, 10).

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr B. H. Varrall

Sir, The sympathy of a vast majority of British voters must surely lie with those sentiments expressed in your columns today by the Chairman and Council of Business for Sterling. If so, we are so overwhelmingly sceptical, only the politicians remain.

All those intent upon further European integration, towards which monetary union is a hugely significant step, should consider the appalling effects upon the peoples of the former Yugoslavia of similar, if rather more bluntly enforced, measures. National identity and deeply ingrained cultural identity carry sufficient importance to survive many generations. If cornered, they always come out fighting. No one has the right to ignore this risk in pursuit of some narrow, ill-considered and unpopular ideal.

Be thankful for the benefits of a single market. Make it work. But make it work within and across the time-evolved boundaries of today's rightly proud European nations.

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From the Chairman of the British Art Market Federation

Sir, Your leading article draws welcome attention to the twin threats to the successful British art market posed by European Union plans to harmonise *droit de suite* and import VAT on art.

The EU seeks to justify these two measures as a means of removing distortions to the internal European market. Unfortunately, what has been overlooked is the fact that the art market is global and that neither *droit de suite* nor import VAT exists in London—the most significant international rival, New York.

It is the British art market that has the most to lose from measures that will damage its competitive position in the world market. It is not surprising, therefore, that both the British Government and Opposition have expressed their objections to the *droit de suite* directive and their wish to see an end to the VAT problem.

For the majority of EU member states, these measures merely represent steps on the path towards internal market harmonisation. But if they are forced on Britain by the mathematics of European Union voting, it will indicate that the EU attaches more importance to its own internal affairs than to the maintenance and encouragement of European international competitiveness. It is essential that this message continues to be expressed with force in the Council of Ministers.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY BROWNE,
Chairman,
British Art Market Federation,
10 Bury Street, SW1Y 6AA,
June 8.

Dounreay closure

From Professor Colin Davidson

Sir, It may be, as Sir Graham Hills suggests (letter, June 9), that in future we shall have to be more dependent upon nuclear sources to meet our energy needs. If that is so, then let us hope that the new systems are more effective than those used hitherto.

I suggest to Sir Graham that there is nothing "hysterical" in being concerned about unwanted radioactive materials being dumped in largely unknown quantities down a shaft. It seems that it is to cost hundreds of millions of pounds to recover this waste and store it safely elsewhere.

Sadly it is not possible to "dispose" of radioactive waste; it can only be kept for posterity until it decays in the distant future. That remains the ultimate problem for nuclear power.

Yours faithfully,
COLIN DAVIDSON,
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June 9.

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Barristers' fees

From Mr Julian Field

Sir, I am unconvinced by the reasons advanced by Sir Gavin Lightman for denying barristers the right to charge the market rate for their services ("Bumping over the silk road", Law, June 9).

A monopoly over rights of audience is not the same as a monopoly over fees. Members of the Bar are in competition with each other, and a more realistic scenario to that of price fixing is that of barristers chasing a diminishing amount of work by striving to offer a better service than their colleagues. This includes undercutting each other on price. Neither price fixing nor price cutting are features of a monopoly.

As to the opportunity for barristers to exploit the relationship of dependence by increasing their fees once they have been retained, this is not unique to the Bar. The solution to the problem of the builder taking the roof off your house, and then making exorbitant demands to replace it, lies not in artificially regulating market rates but in ensuring that the rate for the job is agreed at the outset. So much the better if that agreement is negotiated on your behalf by a lawyer.

This is precisely the position in relation to barristers' fees; they are negotiated and agreed on the client's behalf by the client's solicitor.

Yours sincerely,
JULIAN FIELD,
One Paper Buildings,
Temple, EC4Y 7EP,
June 9.

From Mr Jonathan Caplan, QC

Sir, Surely judges who wish to criticise the Bar, the silk system and the level of professional fees would have done better to have made their remarks at a time when they were still at the Bar themselves and practising as Queen's Counsel.

Yours faithfully,
JONATHAN CAPLAN,
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Temple, EC4Y 7HB,
June 9.

Duncan denial

From Mr Alan Duncan, MP for Rutland and Melton (Conservative)

Sir, Your article, "The diners who cooked his goose" (June 13), was clearly designed to leave readers with the impression that I am behind, or involved in, some sort of plot to discredit Jeffrey Archer.

I am not and have no wish to be so, and the insinuation is wrong.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN DUNCAN,
House of Commons,
June 13.

Medical failure rates

From Dr Robert M. H. Lefever

Sir, Peter MacLeod (letter, June 12) asks what he should do, as 100 per cent of his doctor's patients die.

He should do whatever his doctor is doing to outlive those patients.

Sincerely,
ROBERT LEFEVER,
2a Pelham Street, SW7 3HU,
June 12.

Hopeful future for a Handel museum

From Sir Alan Bowness,
Chairman of the Handel House Trust

Sir, There has been much comment and concern about the decision of the Heritage Lottery Fund (report, April 30; letters, May 7, 16, 26 and June 8) with regard to 25 Brook Street, W1, the house in which Handel lived for most of his life. A grant towards the construction costs of a museum proved not to be forthcoming in time to meet the programme requirements for the purchase of the building.

It is not the case, however, that the project is dead. The Co-operative Insurance Society has expressed the wish for this trust to collaborate with it in the creation of a Handel museum and we are now actively revising our plans for a museum of the highest quality. Through the Handel House Collections Trust we own a fine collection of Handelian as well as musical instruments. Together with the CIS we are continuing the dialogue with the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The response to the fundraising campaign has been remarkable. In three months over £1 million has been raised in pledges and donations. The project has great support both in this country and in the United States. Our trustees are determined that there will be a worthy museum in the house of Britain's greatest composer.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN BOWNESS,
Chairman, Handel House Trust,
10 Stratford Place, W1N 9AE,
June 11.

Room with a view

From Mrs Leigh Maxwell

Sir, Your leading article on the threatened closure by the Belarus Government of 22 embassies in Minsk (June 11) referred in passing to the Moscow sugar merchant who built the present British Embassy in Moscow "for his mistress". In fact, it was for his wife.

The merchant's mistress was installed at 9 Vakhangova off the Arbat—an elegant, smaller mansion of which the beautiful ground-floor reception rooms formed the quarters of the British military attaché during my husband's tour of duty there (1961-64). The sugar merchant's wife certainly had a marvellous view of the Kremlin from across the river; but we had a charming garden with six huge lime trees. All in all, we thought the mistress had rather better taste than the wife.

Yours faithfully,
PAMELA MAXWELL,
East Frankslands,
Lewes Road, Haywards Heath,
West Sussex RH17 7SN,
June 12.

Gull power

From the Reverend Cyril Tennant

Sir, I have never helped a gull in distress, but every year I am attacked by gulls nesting on the roof (report, "Ungrateful seagull gives its useful rescuer the bird", June 8). My wife and other people go invisible. The reason seems to be that these birds prefer bald heads. Is Mr Don Weston bald?

Yours faithfully,
CYRIL TENNANT,
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Kingsley Avenue,
Ilfracombe EX34 8ET.

From Mr Paul Norman

Sir, The story about Mr Weston and the vindictive seagull is surely a fine example of the adage that "a good deed, however small, never goes unpunished".

Sincerely,
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June 9.

Honour bound?

From Mr Peter Calver

Sir, Surely it was somewhat rash to award a knighthood to Geoff Hurst (reports, June 13)?

Now, every footballer who scores a hat-trick for England in a World Cup final will expect one.

Yours faithfully,
PETER CALVER,
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Stanstead Mountfitchet,
Essex CM24 8SU,
June 14.

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Don't spoil it for me

From Mr Robin Dyke

Sir, Now that I have retired, I must confess to rising a little later. And how nice it is to linger over a cup of breakfast coffee reading The Times and listening to Henry Kelly on Classic FM.

But, dear man that he is, he will read from your letters before I have had time to get to them.

I suppose that if you publish this, he will read it before I do.

Yours faithfully,
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June 11.

OBITUARIES

REG SMYTHE

Reg Smythe, cartoonist, died on June 13 aged 80. He was born on July 10, 1917.

To the millions of newspaper readers all over the world who daily shared in his escapades Andy Capp had acquired a reality more concrete than that of his shy and reclusive creator, Reg Smythe. Capp, the *homme moyen* of a North of England culture which existed decades ago, somewhere between low pay and downright unemployment, strutted — and continues to strut — an unrepentant idleness, mendacity, drunkenness and unreconstructed male chauvinist piggery, continually rebuked, but never effectively checked by his long-suffering wife, Flo. It was a culture over which the althouse reigned supreme.

Capp's life symbolised that of a largely vanished race, inhabiting a nostalgic past in which the male of the species converted his pay packet into booze as a matter of course, beat his wife, and never lifted a finger round the house. Yet, to add to his boorishness, hideous appearance and doubtless perpetually bad breath, Andy, tag clamped to his lower lip, nursed the preposterous illusion that he was somehow sexually attractive. And to add to her other woes, Flo frequently had to endure the ludicrous spectacle of her husband in the public bar of the local, making up to some skittish young thing who would then relieve him of some of the Capp menage's lightly rationed housekeeping to buy her a drink.

Yet, though palpably a creature of the Tyne-Tees ambience which bred Smythe himself, this flat-capped son of the North East translated effortlessly overseas. In an American culture which is much more politically correct where the dynamic of the male-female relationship is concerned, his appalling behaviour was lapped up by the



Reg Smythe at work in his studio and, below, Andy Capp and Flo are for once, in harmony on the subject of a visit to the local pub

readers of the *Denver Post* and the *Houston Chronicle* and there was even an American Andy Capp fan club. In sanitised Sweden the unwashed Andy was welcomed as "Tufta Viktor". France revelled in the mundane doings of "André Chapeau", while in Germany he was "Willi Wacker". In Turkey he was regarded as exemplifying the national male character.

Andy Capp became one of the most popular cartoon strips in the world, syndicated to 700 newspapers in 34 countries and translated into 13 languages. Its popularity exceeded only by *Peanuts* and *Garfield*. It spawned a West End show, *Andy Capp: The Musical*, starring Tom Courtenay, a television series featuring James Bolam and nearly a hundred Andy Capp anthologies.

The cartoonist Reg Smythe was born Reginald Smyth in Hartlepool, the son of Richard Smyth and his wife Florence. He always claimed that his parents were the models for Andy and Flo. Smythe described himself as a "canvasser shoes kid", one step up from a barefoot boy. He was educated at Galley's Field school which he left in the

middle of the Thirties Depression which destroyed the industrial culture of the North East.

For a year or two he subsisted on a diet of such odd jobs as butcher's errand boy and the dole. He was a frequent opponent of his father — a man in a similar position — on the snooker table of the local men's club,

always on the basis, as he later recalled, of loser pays for the drinks. Then, tired of this idle existence, in 1936 he enlisted in the ranks of the Royal Northumberland Fusiliers. He remained with the regiment for ten years, serving with it in North Africa during the war and rising to the rank of sergeant.

After the war he moved to London where he took a job as a telephone clerk in the GPO. There he began to draw, without tuition but evolving the simple but effective style that was to become his trademark. A poster he did for a staff theatre production drew praise from colleagues who suggested he try to sell some of his work. So he submitted 30 cartoons to an agent who immediately sold two. They earned him more than he was in a week at the post office and provided him with the incentive to continue. Soon he was getting regular work, done in his spare time from his job, and in 1938 he left the GPO to go freelance full time.

Many of his early gag cartoons had appeared in the *Daily Mirror* but it was with Andy Capp, which he conceived in 1956, that he made the big breakthrough. The *Mirror* originally wanted the strip only for its Northern editions, but its popularity was so immediate and so immense when it first appeared in 1957, that Andy Capp soon became a national figure. Smythe always felt that his great attraction stemmed from the fact that, in spite of his loutish behaviour, Andy had, deep

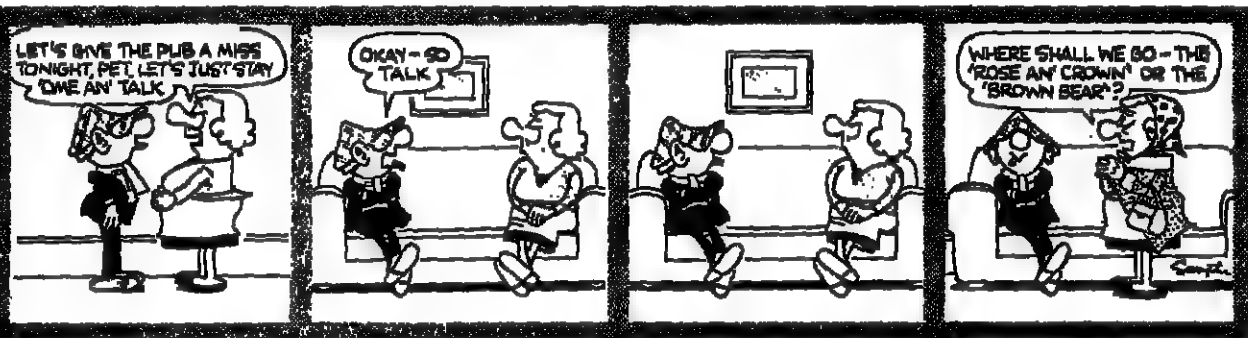
down, a fond regard for his long-suffering spouse. Flo remained Smythe's favourite character. "She should have been included in the title," he once said, "but I wanted a single name. Never mind. I suppose she knows she holds the cartoon together, and that's enough for her."

The real life Flo had an equally strong admiration for her son. When, in 1962, the Leonardo cartoon was featuring in all the papers at the time it was being restored and then saved for the nation, she sniffed: "Leonardo? He isn't a patch on our Reg."

Smythe won numerous awards for his work, at home and overseas. In 1960 he became a founding member of the Cartoonists Club of Great Britain and won its Best British Cartoon Strip award prize for five consecutive years, 1961-65. In Italy he was particularly popular, winning three awards: in 1969, 1973 and 1978, while in America he won the Best Strip Cartoon award of the USA cartoonist Association in 1978.

Some years ago he moved back to the North from London and settled again in his native Hartlepool, where he found the atmosphere more congenial to the fashioning of a daily life for a character who was so much part of the area. He died leaving the *Mirror* and *Sunday Mirror* a year's supply of his cartoons.

Reg Smythe married, in 1949, Vera Toyne who died last year. He remarried and is survived by his second wife, Jean. He had no children.



JOHN MARRIOTT

John Marriott, former Prison Governor, died on June 11 aged 51. He was born on January 4, 1947.

THE premature and unexpected death of John Marriott from a heart attack is a final tragic twist to an extraordinary life. For Marriott had developed a successful career as a Governor over 25 years in the Prison Service. He completed a remarkable sequence of difficult and stressful postings, culminating in his appointment to Parkhurst Prison in 1990. Parkhurst was an enormous management challenge: a maximum security prison with the additional complication of a special high security unit. It was also one of the oldest prisons in the system and — at the time of his appointment — was suffering from years of under-investment in security and buildings, coupled with long standing staff problems.

There is a recurring two-part nightmare that haunts prison Governors. First is the threat of a major disaster befalling their prison; second is the likelihood of being blamed for the disaster — regardless of whether the Governor could have prevented it. That nightmare became a reality for John Marriott on January 3, 1995, when three top security prisoners escaped. Within days and without a full inquiry, Michael Howard, the then Home Secretary, had decided on the Governor's immediate removal. It was an extraordinary decision, especially as Howard simultaneously declared that he was only responsible for policy over prisons: operations — that is difficult immediate problems — were the responsibility of the Director-General.

The press coverage of Howard's Parliamentary announcement had the effect of protecting Howard without the slightest regard to the damage inflicted on John Marriott.

The swift dismissal of Marriott had unexpected and substantial repercussions. It led to the sacking of the Director-General of the Prison Service, Derek Lewis, in October 1995. Then in 1997, when Michael Howard was a candidate for the Tory leadership, the former Prisons Minister, Ann Widdecombe, savaged him over his handling of the Lewis sacking, describing him as having "something of the night" about him. This episode is widely regarded as having cost Howard any chance of becoming leader.

The treatment of Marriott caused revulsion across and well beyond the Prison Service. Widespread support helped Marriott cope with the task of preparing and giving evidence to the Learmont inquiry into the Parkhurst escapes and the general state of prison security. The inquiry's report concluded that responsibility for the Parkhurst escapes lay with many people, not just one individual. But this came too late for Marriott. He had spent some months working at Prison Service HQ and concluding that there was no future for him within the service, he decided to seek employment elsewhere. In September 1995, he was appointed Head of Mental Health Care for the Isle of Wight NHS Community Health Trust and left the Prison Service to which he had given so much of his life.

John Marriott had an infectious enthusiasm for everything he did. He was well

liked by colleagues, staff and prisoners. Immediately after Marriott had been moved from Parkhurst, Derek Lewis released to the press a letter he had written to all Governors praising John Marriott's courage, humanity, dedication and innovation.

Marriott had great personal integrity. He was a person who felt deeply about issues and was not afraid to express his feelings. He cared deeply about the staff and the prisoners for whom he was responsible. The loss of his abilities to the Prison Service caused near universal regret.

John Randolph Marriott was born in Wiltshire and educated at Christ's Hospital School. He took a degree at

Hull University and applied to join the Prison Service in 1970 as an Assistant Governor Class 2. After attending the staff course at the Prison Service College, Wakefield, he was posted to work with young offenders at the open hospital at Gaynes Hall. From there he moved to the open prison at Eastchurch on the Isle of Sheppey.

After a short spell out of the service working with Birmingham Social Services, he asked to return and was posted to Birmingham's Winson Green Prison in 1975. This was a difficult time at Winson Green. Governors were coping with the police investigations and staff trial that followed the allegations

that the suspected IRA Birmingham bombers had been assaulted in the prison.

In 1978 he achieved his first promotion to Assistant Governor Class 1 and was posted to Hull top security prison. This was another demanding post as Hull was still recovering from a very serious riot. There was yet another police investigation into staff brutality which resulted in some staff being convicted. Moving the prison forward was a major challenge and one where Marriott made his mark.

In 1983 he was promoted to Governor Class 3 and was given his first command at Nottingham, a training prison for inmates serving long sentences. Nottingham had serious industrial relations problems over the efficient use of staff. So again Marriott found himself in a stressful and demanding post as he implemented efficiency measures in the face of unpleasant opposition.

His success at Nottingham resulted in further promotion to Governor Class 2 and a move in 1985 to govern Lewes Prison. Marriott was in charge during the very serious disturbances of 1986 when staff abandoned their posts across the country and many prisoners rioted. Lewes prison was badly affected with considerable riot damage. It was fortunate that lives were not lost. Marriott displayed great personal courage during the riot and eventually restored order.

In 1988, to broaden his experience, he moved to Prison Service HQ as part of a small team trying to improve industrial relations service wide, a critical area of work because of long standing problems with the Prison Officers

Association. This was one of the more difficult HQ posts, as he found in 1989 when there was a very serious crisis at Wandsworth prison. Staff went on strike and police and governor grades had to run the prison on an emergency footing. Marriott was closely involved in managing and resolving the crisis; yet another stressful job well done.

When he was promoted to Governor Grade 1 in 1990 he was one of the younger senior Governors in the Service, with the prospect in years to come of competing for the top posts on the Prisons Board. He applied for and was given charge of Parkhurst. He had nearly completed five years when disaster struck, a long period to be in charge of such a difficult prison. Perhaps more significantly, he had coped continuously with six very stressful posts over 20 years.

Marriott threw himself into his new job with the health service with energy and enthusiasm. He believed that he was well on his way to adapting to the new service in the weeks before his death.

Marriott was an enthusiastic sailor in his spare time. He was also writing up his experiences in the Prison Service and it is especially unfortunate that he had not completed that task. He had a very wide interest in life and people and had only recently returned from India where he had been examining Eastern religion and the condition of the slum dwellers in Bombay.

In 1970, Marriott married Mary Teresa Spelman. The marriage was dissolved in 1988 and he remarried. He leaves a widow, Mariamne, three daughters from his first marriage, and a step-daughter.

VRONWY HANKEY



Vronwy Hankey at Knossos in 1975. Greece always had a special place in her heart

Vronwy Hankey, archaeologist, died on May 11 aged 81. She was born on September 15, 1916.

AN ARCHAEOLOGIST of Greece and the eastern Mediterranean, Vronwy Hankey was a pioneer in the generation that came after Gertrude Bell and her like. It is hard to know which she liked more, work or friendship. Certainly, her many friends ranged from workmen in Crete to Margot Fonteyn.

She was sometimes a fierce person, for whom life today and scholarship of the past were all one. To work with her was to learn new truths about the sophisticated Bronze Age societies of the eastern Mediterranean in the late 2nd millennium BC, which were her specialisation.

Vronwy Hankey's family was Welsh, a source of pride all her life. Her father, Thomas Fisher, was rector of Stilton. His teaching her Greek led her to Girton College, Cambridge, where she read classics and discovered archaeology.

Alan Wace, of Mycenae fame, was so impressed with her that he urged her to go to the British School at Athens to do Bronze Age research. She won a studentship and in 1938 helped R.W. Hutchinson dig a major tomb at Knossos. To celebrate, they drank the last of the champagne Sir Arthur Evans had left at the Villa Ariadne. In 1939 she was with Wace at Mycenae.

When the war came to Greece, she returned to England and in 1941 married Henry, the youngest son of Lord Hankey, and began the peripatetic existence of a diplomat's wife. She and her husband shared a sharp sense of embassy (and other) absurdities, which he showed in cartoons. She acquired the language of each country she visited, immersing herself in its history and culture.

They were soon posted to Madrid, where they helped Allied soldiers escaping from France. After the war there were golden days in Rome, where she could return to archaeology through the British School (a body similar to the Athens School). In 1952 she published her first scholarly article, on her work in Euboea in 1939. San Francisco, Santiago, Beirut and Panama followed, interspersed with postings in London. Like her father, she taught her children herself in their early years.

Beirut in 1962 brought her in touch with Near Eastern archaeology. She worked with Gerald Lankester Harding (former Director of Antiquities in Jordan who had been sacked, like General Glubb, in 1956) and began to research on the relations of the Aegean and the Levant in the Bronze Age. This topic continued until the end of her life, through 36 years and many publications

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She learnt Arabic and used her diplomatic status to transcend modern political frontiers in studying the ancients. She worked at first in Arab countries, later also in Israel where she made good friends among the archaeologists, but without ever losing her strong sympathy for the Palestinians. Lectures on Swan's cruises in the Aegean and on the Nile led to her adding Egyptology (and becoming an honorary fellow of UCL) to her Aegean studies. She tackled a key topic for dating the Mycenaeans: their contacts with the 14th-century BC pharaoh Akhenaten at his new capital of el Amarna in Middle Egypt. For many years the Nile trips refreshed her knowledge of Egypt. It was a treat to hear her lectures on board, given without a note as if freshly mined, and timed to the second.

Greece always had a special place in her heart. In 1970 she returned to Crete when Gerald Cadogan asked her and Cressida Ridley — a powerful pair of 50-year-olds in a team most of whom could have been her children — to join a new British School at Athens dig at a Minoan village (Myrtos-Pyrgos) on a hill by the Libyan Sea. Years of excavation — at Knossos — followed, helped by parties in the mountains, and much singing and dancing, habits which were as deep in Hankey's nature as they are among the Cretans who loved her for her *aniki kardia* (open heart).

Hankey once remarked that she "could not understand being bored". All of her life was of interest to her. What she did not know, she would look up and find out. She had a prodigious memory for plants, poems, places and people, was a poet in her own right and took a most active interest in the doings of her friends and family. She encouraged her daughter, the potter Veronica Newman, to recreate Mycenaean pottery shapes, so as to understand better how the ancients used them. In the power cuts of 1978-79, during the Winter of Discontent, she lectured in the dark at Burlington House on the techniques of early Lebanese pottery — so vividly that the audience saw all the processes in their minds.

In youth a formidable hockey player, she delighted in physical exercise, and she and her husband skied well into their seventies. She was a slight, small person, but her presence was unforgettable. Her lifelong interest in the British School at Athens is to be recognised by the creation of a fund in her name for Aegean studies.

She is survived by her husband, and by three sons and a daughter.

Church appointments

Appointments

The Rev Robert Ansell, formerly at Burford Priory, to be Vicar, Primrose Hill St Mary the Virgin with Avenue Road St Paul (London).

The Rev Alan Bashford, Assistant Curate, Calstock (Truro), to be Assistant Curate, St Ives, and Halesowen (same diocese).

The Rev Geoffrey Bennett, Rector, St Busan with St Grade and Lendevadack (Truro), to be Vicar, Buddock (same diocese).

The Rev John Bloomfield, Team Vicar, Littlehampton and Wick (Chichester), to be Vicar, Hunstanton St Edmund and Ringstead St Andrew (Norwich).

The Rev William Challis, Vice-Principal, Wyldlife Hall, Oxford, to be Vicar, Birnere Holy Saviour (Winchester).

The Rev David Clark, Team Rector, Qadby (Leicester), to be Curate (to be known as Associate Priest), Leicester St James the Greater (same diocese).

The Rev Bob Cooper, Chaplain and Teacher, Chigwell School (Chelmsford), to be Vicar, Lightcliffe St Matthew (Wakefield).

The Rev Andrew Couch, Vicar, St Ives, and Priest-in-Charge, Halesowen (Truro), to be also Rural Dean of Penwith (same diocese).

The Rev Jill Edwards, Assistant Curate, Grays Thurrock (Chelmsford), to be Team Vicar.

The Rev Christopher Epps, Assistant Curate, Clevedon St John the Evangelist (Bath & Wells), to be Rector, St John with Millbrook (Truro).

Canon Barrie Gauge, Director of Parish Development (Cheshire), to be Parish Development Adviser (Derby).

The Rev Christopher Rattenberry, Assistant Curate, Porchester St Andrew (Southwell), to be Priest-in-Charge, Daybrook St Paul and St Timothy's Church Centre (same diocese).

The Rev David Rowley, Vicar, Hayfield, and Rural Dean of Glossop (Derby), to be also Priest-in-Charge, Chintley with Buxworth (same diocese).

The Rev Michael Smith, Curate, Cheddle St Cuthbert and St Mary (Cheshire), to be Curate, Hollington St Leonard and St Anne (Chichester).

The Rev Tim Storey, Assistant Curate, Bath Weston St John and Kelson St Nicholas (Bath & Wells), to be Assistant Curate, Shirley (Winchester).

The Rev Michael Thompson, Team Vicar, Newcastle Epiphany, to be Priest-in-Charge, Choppington (same diocese).

Canon Richard Wheeler, Team Rector, Southampton City Centre (Winchester), to be Social Responsibility Adviser (same diocese).

The Rev David Williams, Curate, Lancaster St Mary (Blackburn), to be also Chaplain, HMP Lancaster Castle.

Retirements and resignations
Canon Roy Braithwaite, Vicar, Garstang St Helen Churchtown, and Diocesan Ecumenical Officer (Blackburn) to retire July 3.

Canon John Cotton, Team Rector, Bexhill (Chichester) retired as Rural Dean of Buxton and Bexhill April 12, remaining as team rector.

The Rev Eric Lacey, Rector, Haysham St Peter (Blackburn) retired April 25.

The Rev Jake Loewendahl, Vicar, Menheniot (Truro) to retire July 1.

The Rev David Mole, Chaplain, Oseend, Bruges and Knokke, Belgium (Europe) to retire October 1.

The Rev Christopher Newell, Vicar, Lansillos and Talland (Truro) retired March 31.

The Rev Derek White, Rector, Beeding and Bramber w Botolphs (Chichester) retired April 26.

3,000 PROTEST AT SENTENCES 'UNIONS SHOULD BAR S AFRICA GOODS'

Police stood shoulder to shoulder outside South Africa House yesterday afternoon while, in Trafalgar Square, not a stone's throw away, 3,000 people joined in protest at the sentences imposed in Pretoria on Nelson Mandela and his seven companions.

The meeting had been organized by the Anti-apartheid Movement, members of which marched in procession from Hyde Park carrying banners. They had been accompanied by nuclear disarmament making a similar protest, but the ban-the-bomb marchers did not join the meeting; instead, they paraded around the South African building, which they heard described during the afternoon as a fortress of reactionism.

Lord Russell, the first speaker, expressed a view which many others enlarged upon — that world-wide outcry had saved the lives of Mandela and his colleagues.

The United States and Britain, he said, traded in vast amounts with the South African tyranny. They sold arms to South Africa. It was an appalling illustration of western

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The International campaign on behalf of Nelson Mandela triumphed in 1990 when after 26 years' imprisonment on Robben island he was released.

hypocrisy about freedom that the United States and Britain obtained in the Security Council on the issue of condemning apartheid. If the tyranny was to be ended without dreadful violence, western governments must be made to act now.

Lord Russell was certain that the international boycott of South African goods had been an important factor in the struggle against apartheid. Commendable as the efforts against the South African regime had been until now, however, he believed they were insufficient. He would therefore suggest another way.

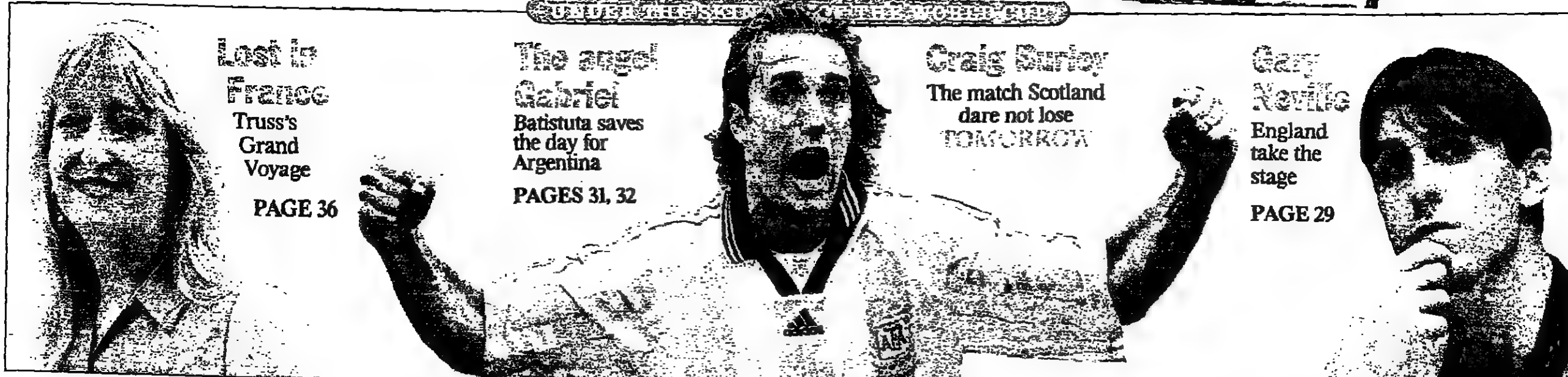
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and General Workers' Union would use their great influence to persuade the International Federation of Free Trade Unions to refuse to load any goods anywhere intended for South Africa, and refuse to unload any goods at any South African port, the South African tyranny will end." They would have the support of Asia, Latin America, and "all decent men and women, east and west".

The Bishop of Woolwich, Dr J.A.T. Robinson, recalled that on October 11 last year, the United Nations General Assembly called on the South African Government to abandon forthwith the arbitrary trial then in progress and to grant unconditional release to all political prisoners. It was a resolution which had the unprecedented majority of 106 to one, the one being South Africa. This was a motion which even the United Kingdom voted for.

MANDELA MOVED TO ISLAND PRISON

Johannesburg, June 14 — Nelson Mandela, the African nationalist leader, and the six other Africans sentenced with Dennis Goldberg to life sentences in the Rivonia sabotage trial last Friday are detained on Robben island, off Cape Town, a senior police officer said. Goldberg had not been sent to the island, which is reserved for non-white prisoners.



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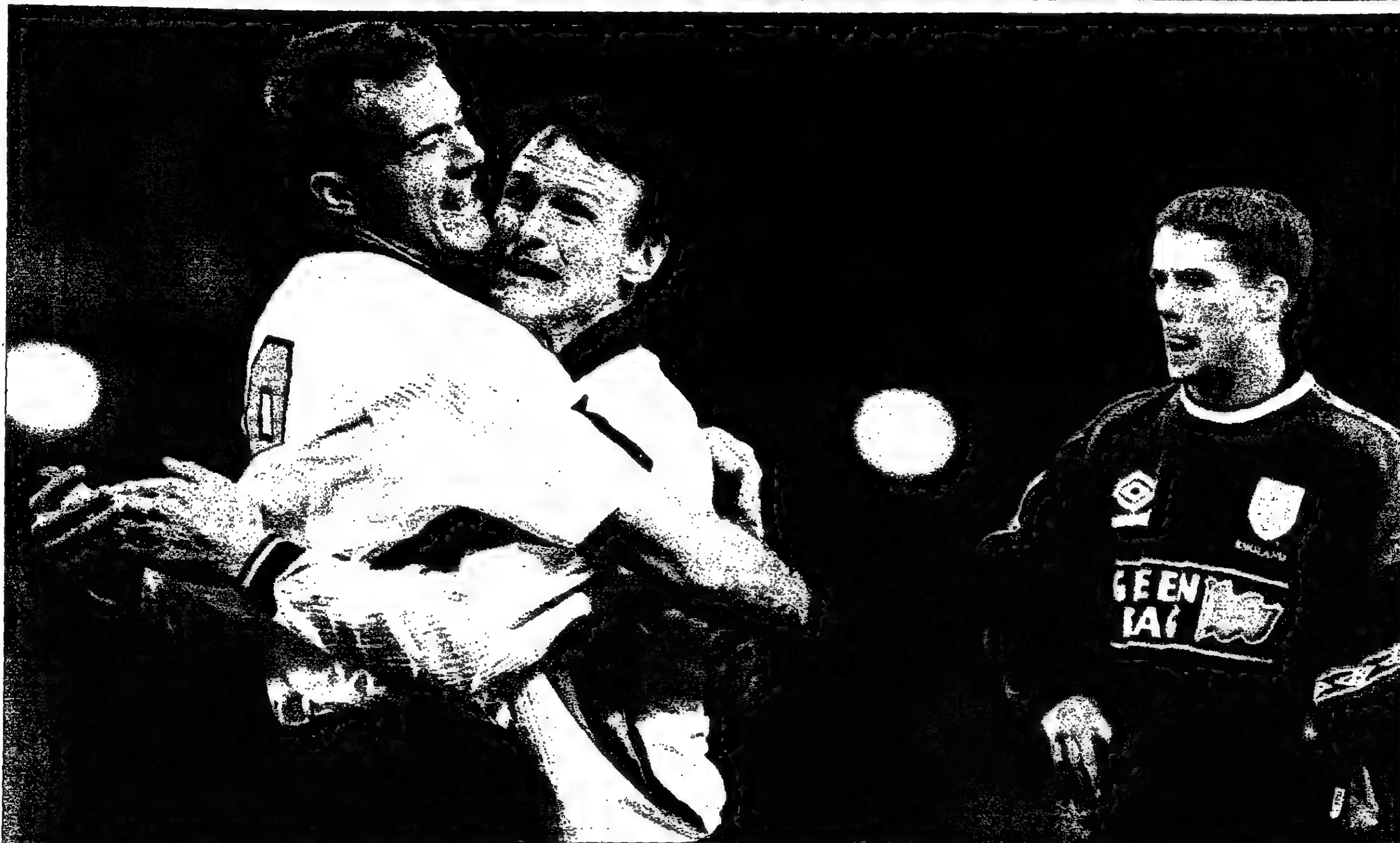
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SHEARER'S SUPPORT GIVES SHERINGHAM A LIFT



SAS operation: Shearer and Sheringham are hoping to be able to celebrate more goals together, against Tunisia, while Owen can only wait patiently for the opportunity to shine. Photomontage photographs: Hugh Routledge

FROM OLIVER HOIT
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT
IN MARSEILLES

MICHAEL OWEN had gathered so much momentum and captured the public imagination to such a degree that it had begun to seem as though Canute could have held back the waves before Teddy Sheringham, Manchester United's embattled centre forward, would be able to keep English football's boy's own hero out of the World Cup team that will face Tunisia here this afternoon. Then again, Canute did not have a mare called Alan Shearer.

Last night, after England had completed their final training session in the Stade Velodrome here before their opening group G game against the North Africans, it appeared that age and experience had vanquished youth and that Sheringham had clung on to his place and his right to partner Shearer in the England front line.

It will be presented, perhaps, as a step backwards when the way forward seems so clear. But call them what you want — the SAS, the old pals' act, mates sticking together — Sheringham and Shearer have done it for England before and, despite Sheringham's recent misadventures, few would bet against them doing it again when England run out this afternoon.

There is likely to be another surprise in the starting line-up, too, in that both Darren Anderson and David Batty seem to have been preferred to that other favourite son of the English game and the tabloid press, David Beckham.

But it is the survival of Sheringham, a man who many felt

was fading fast into the past of international football, at the expense of the vast potential and lightning speed of Owen that will spark most debate.

As Owen has closed quickly on him in recent months with a series of performances for Liverpool that never dipped below excellent and took to playing for England like a natural, Sheringham seemed to have given Hoddle the chance to discard him when he was caught with his pants down — metaphorically, if not literally — in a Portuguese night club ten days ago.

Owen, who became the youngest player to score for England when he got the winner against Morocco late last month, subsequently took

Sheringham's place in the match that Hoddle organised against Caen last week.

Those who assumed that Owen was immovable, though, had reckoned without Shearer. It is unlikely that he actually lobbied for Sheringham to retain his place — he said on Saturday that Hoddle did not ask his advice about tactics or picking the team.

But unspoken messages are often the most powerful kind in football and it is certain that a large part of the reason why the England coach has stuck by the embattled Manchester United forward is that Shearer has made it plain that he relishes playing with Sheringham. If they are close to telepathic on

the pitch, they are as thick as thieves off it. They are golf partners when the squad has a competition as it did last Friday (Sheringham and Shearer lost to Owen and Paul Scholes), they eat together, they even run an informal book at the team hotel so that players can place playful bets on the outcome of other World Cup matches. Like any bookmakers, apparently, they are making a killing.

Above all, though, it is their relationship on the pitch that is important to Shearer and Hoddle. Whatever Owen's merits, no matter how much he argues that he could form an effective partnership with the England captain, no matter how obvious it is that he is

not a carbon copy of Shearer, the potency of Shearer and Sheringham as a pair is impossible to deny.

They have played 14 times together for England and, on those occasions, they have scored 17 goals, 11 for Shearer, six for Sheringham. Even more telling is the fact that of those 14 games, England have lost only two. And both those were to Brazil.

Sheringham does not invade Shearer's space, he does not make the same runs, seek to get on the end of the same crosses. To Shearer, Owen is another predator. But Sheringham is another provider, someone else to feed his hunger for goals, not someone with whom

he will be forced to share. Jealousy of Owen does not come into it. It is just that Shearer knows what works best for him. And Hoddle cannot afford to have Shearer at anything other than his absolute best against Tunisia.

Despite his predilection for hoodwinking observers about his intentions, Hoddle has never disguised his admiration for Sheringham or his belief that he could continue to produce his best form at international level. Equally, he has insisted that his ideal scenario is to keep Owen in reserve, ready to rip into defences apart as a substitute. Even assuming he starts with Sheringham and Shearer today, Owen is almost certain to get his chance as the game wears on. If that happens, Hoddle and England will be getting the best of both worlds.

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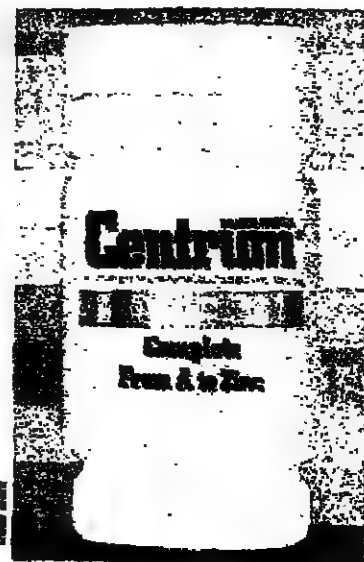
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Hoddle's men emerge from hibernation to face tough Tunisians and their talented playmaker

African blend to test England's appetite for battle

FROM ROB HUGHES IN MARSEILLES

GRETA GARBO could have come no more quietly, no more secretly, to the grand ball than has the squad of Glenn Hoddle. Of all the camps, England's has been the most secure and the most remote in the sense of shutting out intrusion. The implication is that the old country is here to win, not to indulge the media circus or to fraternise with the people.

This afternoon, however, duty will bring them out into the open. It is a most open stadium in Marseilles. The revamped Vélodrome is known by the locals as "the wind tunnel" because of the way it allows the Mistral off the Mediterranean to sweep across the field.

On Friday, South Africa were blown away by that wind and by the impressive qualities of France; now England meet Tunisia, the fifth of the African nations here, and rather than expecting a repetition of the manner in which South Africa surrendered, they must take heed of the emerging talents, the mixture of beguiling forward improvisation and defensive innocence, that still represents that continent.

Nigeria, so irrepressible in the spirit that took them to the Olympic gold, have repeated that habit of coming from behind to outplay and outscore Spain, Morocco, Tunisia's northern African neighbours. Impressed the watching England squad, with two stunning individual goals, although they could only draw after conceding two simple goals to Norway.

Yet the African surprise came mostly from Cameroon. Here, from the nation that surprised Argentina in 1990, was another performance, or at least another unknown individual, showing that we

have not yet mined all the latent skills of that continent. "A month and a half ago," Claude Le Roy, the French coach of Cameroon, said, "Njanka did not exist. I had to go and get him from his village of Myvole. When you see the goal he scored, you can understand the potential of Cameroon football." Never mind Cameroon, the potential of Africa.

Pierre Njanka had responded to the call of the coach when, a month before naming his selection, Le Roy toured the Cameroon villages looking for rare, unknown talents. In the 78th minute of Cameroon's game against Austria, this player, normally lined up at right back, emerged on the left. He eluded two experienced Austrians, putting the second of them on the seat of

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his pants with an emergency stop, then turning and blasting the ball, arrow-like, beyond the goalkeeper's reach.

Such joy, and for England's sake it must be hoped that Tunisia are not quite on that wavelength of surprise in the port of Marseilles today. "We were impressed by Morocco against Norway," Tony Adams, the England defender, said. "But we will know all about Tunisia by the time we get to play them and already in this tournament we have learnt that you think only of the first opponent. Once you start thinking about semi-finals or finals, you run into trouble."

England's advance guard, the supporters who ran into trouble in Marseilles on Saturday night, have learnt that

the gendarmes in this southern enclave are well used to dealing with drunken sailors and their footballing equivalents.

The same raucous port area had been celebrating wildly, yet without a sign of malice, through Friday night and into the early hours of Saturday, proving that here at least the folks care about association football and are passionate about their team. England, if they overcome Tunisia, will ignite a similar commitment, one hopes similarly joyous, among as many as half of the 60,000 people that the Vélodrome can seat.

Two advantages that Tunisia had been hoping to exploit would seem to be lost to them. They barely disguised that they hoped to tease and provoke irrational behaviour out of Paul Gascoigne and David Beckham; Gascoigne did not make the trip and the belief is that Beckham will not start. Also, the desert heat that might have arisen in this Mediterranean port has been tempered to pleasant sunshine, neither with the rain coming down from Paris and the north, nor the extremes of a week ago.

What, then, can be expected from Tunisia? Their coach, Henryk Kasperczak, a stern and cautious Pole, might just have made his team the exception to the African rule. He has tried to blend organisation into the African spirit, and quite possibly in doing so has made them duller, more reliable in defence, yet less likely to produce those individualistic flourishes that Africans elsewhere are enjoying.

"We are hard to beat," Kasperczak said. "But what concerns me is our ineffectiveness in front of goal." Honest, or cagey? In qualifying, Tunisia played eight matches, won



Beya's unpredictable midfield artistry could be the key to Tunisia's chances today

seven, drew the other and conceded just two goals: Egypt, once the power of the Arabic-African nations, could not score against them in 180 minutes.

However, as the coach

indicated, scoring goals is entirely another matter for the Tunisians. They have players, including a sometimes beguiling, sometimes unpredictable playmaker, Zouheir Beya, who have grown in stature in the Bundesliga. They have a Brazilian, José Clayton, freshly naturalised for this tournament. On the left, Ben Slimane, 24, another who plays in Germany, has deceptive pace for one so diminutive and so apparently weighty as he attempts to prompt Ben Younes.

England's change from the long ball to football fitting the rest of the global style has impressed the coaches here. They talk of Hoddle, himself

of course schooled in football here in the South of France, attempting a cultural change and going a surprisingly long way in achieving it. They admire, singularly, Alan Shearer... but the chattering classes among the World Cup trainers are at the same time all wondering aloud what next will come out of Africa.

If Kasperczak has not suppressed Tunisia's resources, not taken the African out of Africa, then England will be fully engaged shortly after lunchtime. The shutters are open, England have joined the ball at last. They have five days less than Brazil, a weekend less than France, to win the tournament.

'Genie' ready to weave his magical spell

Inigo Gilmore meets the midfield wizard plotting England's downfall

He is slight, has a gruff manner and his football wizardry has earned him the nickname "The Genie". Zouheir Beya is Tunisia's master playmaker and he has given warning that England should not take his team lightly when they meet in Marseilles today.

"We see England as a big team, one of the challengers for the World Cup," he said. "but England has to expect good opposition from Tunisia. We saw Scotland against Brazil and we think Tunisia could do something."

Tunisia's biggest World Cup success remains the 0-0 draw that they managed in the 1978 finals against West Germany, the defending world champions. There were, though, no up-and-com-

ing players to replace heroes such as Djalili and Teime and the national football team went into a slump, hitting a low in the African Nations Cup in 1994, when they were eliminated in the first round.

In the wake of that disappointment, their fortunes have started to improve, thanks largely to the introduction of the Polish coach, Henryk Kasperczak, who played in the team that frustrated England's attempts to qualify for the 1974 World Cup finals. He took Tunisia to the 1996 final of the African Nations Cup, where they lost to the hosts, South Africa.

Beya, 27, who plays in Germany for SC Freiburg, was the central figure in those successes, as he was in the team's recent 4-0 victory over Wales in their last World Cup warm-up game. The midfield player is comfortable on the left wing and is an excellent finisher, with 14 goals in 37 appearances.

Just as importantly, he links up well with Skander Souayah, the talented 26-year-old midfielder, the strikers, Adel Sellimi, 25, and Ben Slimane, 24, and younger players such as Halem Trabelsi, a 20-year-old defender who shaves his head before every game for good luck.

Given the time and effort that has gone into their preparation, Beya said, that the Tunisians, in the North African country of more than eight million, have high expectations. He seems to be in the team's status as underdogs and the fact that the players are generally unknown to a wider audience beyond Africa.

So who is the player that he most respects or fears in the England team? For a moment he ponders and then, with a quizzical look, replies softly: "McManaman." England's genie seems an appropriate choice for a man who hopes to upstage England today with his own brand of wizardry.

'He seems to revel in the team's status as underdogs'

Norwegians caught off limits

FROM KEVIN MCCARRA IN AVIGNON

IN RIDDING themselves of their predecessors' penchant for maverick behaviour, the modern generation of Scottish football has derived many advantages. There has been the pleasure of appearing both at Euro 96 and this World Cup, and there is satisfaction, too, over the indiscretions of others. Nobody, however, wishes to admit to smugness, particularly when it is the conduct of dangerous rivals that is in question.

Two members of the Norway side, whom Scotland meet in Bordeaux tomorrow, were discovered staying out on the town until the small hours of the morning last week. It is admitted that Henning Berg, who plays for Manchester United, and Erik Mykland, of Panathinaikos, did socialise at length, but it is denied by their

Hell-raisers always seem to be in the colours of other nations nowadays. In fairness, Berg and Mykland are not accused of any sort of outrage. The furore is intriguing partly because of the embarrassment to Egil Olsen, the Norway coach, who spoke as a disciplinarian when commenting on the recent recreational activities of Teddy Sheringham.

Craig Brown, the Scotland manager, knows the risk of hubris. Asked about Berg and Mykland, he chose to ponder the healthy response that public censure can provoke in footballers. "Sometimes it might have a bad effect," Brown said, "but there are ways in which it can bind people together. Before Euro 96, there were allegations about things that happened on the Cathay Pacific flight when England were coming back from their tour to the Far East."

The FA spokesman talked about the collective responsibility of the players and they did stick together at Euro 96. The episode involving Berg and Mykland does at least help to dispel the idea that Norway are a side of faceless uniformity. Olsen himself was recently presented with an award by health campaigners as a celebrated non-smoker.

Mykland, though, admits to a fondness for tobacco, even if he is careful not to be seen in public with a cigarette drooping from his lips. In other respects, too, the midfielder differs from the image of the conventional Norwegian footballer, being more of an artist than a tradesman. The sparkling record of his national team proves that they cannot be dullards, even if Norway did perform poorly while drawing 2-2 with Morocco on Wednesday.

Yesterday afternoon, in the blissful setting of their opulent

hotel in Saint Remy de Provence, John Collins and Darren Jackson were presented with medals for winning, respectively, their fifth and 25th caps in the 2-1 defeat by Brazil. Aggressive though such honours may be, the team is still to discover what the real proceeds of this World Cup will be.

Should they lose to Norway, it will be impossible for Scotland to qualify for the second round of the competition. The squad members are persuasive in their denials of any sense of foreboding. Many of them have been engaged in international football for several years and stocks of resilience have been built up.

"We do have a lot of experience," Tom Boyd, the defend-

er, said. "At Euro 96, we showed that we can handle big games. We have been together for a long time now and the players have the confidence to try to get the ball down and pass it in the midfield. Although we defend well, there were three forwards in the team against Brazil and that showed we are prepared to be positive."

It was Boyd who conceded the winner to Brazil when the ball, unthinkingly cannoned off his chest for an own goal. He has since received faxes of sympathy and encouragement from supporters. "There are not many Scots who can say that they have scored for Brazil," he said, deploying the gallows humour of which his countrymen have had far too much need at previous World Cups.



Boyd: scored for Brazil

country's officials that alcohol was involved.

This sort of incident is liable to leave the older Scotland supporters misty-eyed, reminding them of an era when whole batches of their own heroes would be disciplined for misdemeanours. In 1975, a mass purge saw the international careers of five players brought to an end after a foray to a Copenhagen nightclub.

If Tunisia score, you may have to resort to underarm tactics.



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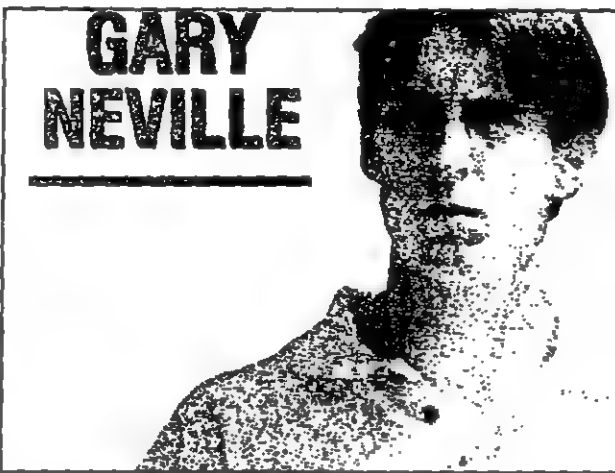
FROM OLIVER HOLT, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT
IN MARSEILLES

A black and white photograph of a man sitting on the ground, leaning against a large, light-colored, fluffy object. He is wearing a light-colored shirt with a dark patterned strap over his shoulder and dark shorts. He is looking towards the camera.

Beckham's poor form means that he will be on the sidelines when England open their World Cup campaign against Tunisia today. Photograph: Marc Aspland

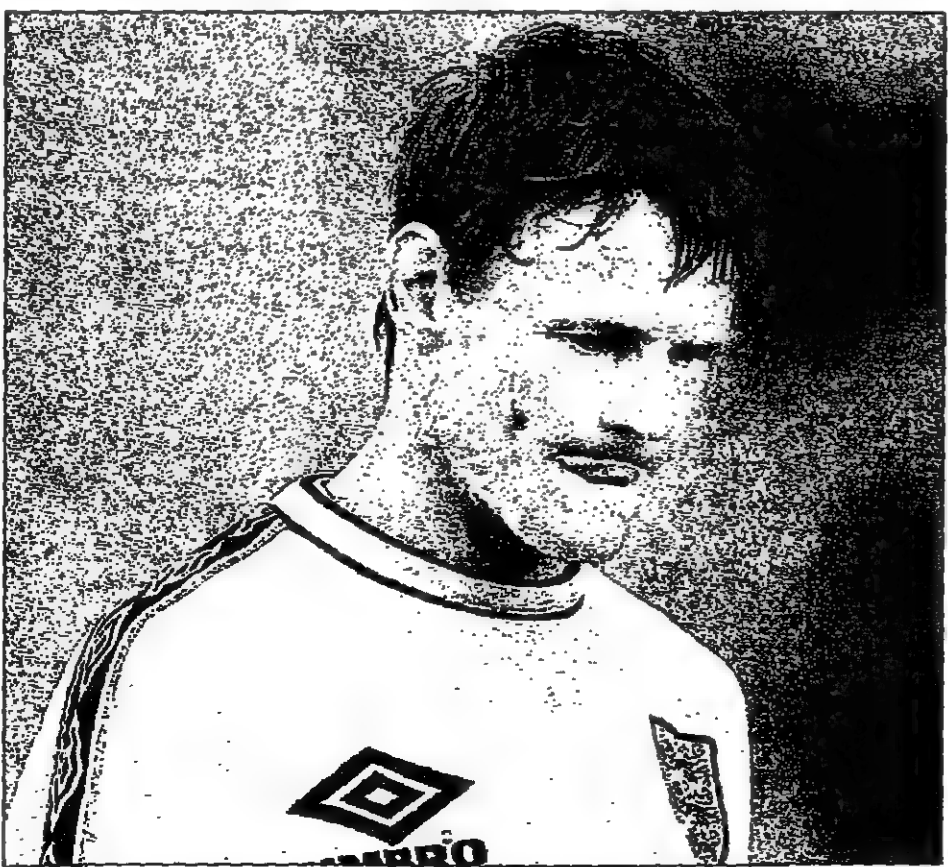
At last the waiting game is nearly at an end

GARY NEVILLE



Del Piero claims camera lied

Jacopo Volpi, the head of Rai, said: "It was five seconds after and not four minutes. We didn't intend to suggest Del Piero wasn't happy, we just wanted to show an anomaly."



A pensive Sheringham considers the task ahead yesterday. Photograph: Marc Aspland



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Keegan and Waddle unable to break rank

CROSSING the dividing line between player and former player is no easy matter. From being one of the lads, beholden to all things laddish and with a one-eyed view of everything, a new persona is suddenly required. Lessons in objectivity, a quality rarely witnessed in the professional footballer, are a must.

Chris Waddle and Kevin Keegan should go to the University of Life immediately and enrol in the course entitled: "How to spot the obvious and not make oneself look a fool when passing comment on contentious decisions." If they don't, their contribution to television might extend no further than names on tapes gathering dust in the ITV and BBC archives.

Waddle and Keegan still live in the days of "all for one and one for all", when players stuck together through thick and thin, explained away 6-0 defeats as six goals against the run of play and dismissed even the most deserved sending-off of a team-mate as a crime against football. The blinkers never came off.

It is time that they did. Waddle was never the most communicative of players with England, Tottenham Hotspur and Sheffield Wednesday, or managers, albeit briefly, with Burnley. It is still surprising that the BBC should employ him as a supposedly sharp-witted pundit or analyst when quick answers are called for and concise opinions sought.

It is when he slips back into the player mentality, closing ranks and going infuriatingly against the grain, that he leaves himself open to most criticism. When Babayaro, of Nigeria, tripped Luis Enrique, of Spain, in an enthralling group D match on Saturday, only Waddle — and the referee — opposed the award of a penalty. "He did clip his heel but I still think the keeper would have got the ball," he said.

So what? How can the goalkeeper collecting the ball in any way excuse Babayaro's foul, or negate a penalty decision? Back in the studio, Martin O'Neill, David Ginola and Ally McCoist agreed that Enrique did indeed have cause to gripe. It was a spot kick, no



RUSSELL KEMPSON



question, even if the referee failed to notice it.

Keegan has worked as a summariser for ITV since 1994 and should be comfortable with the job. He is, too, but somewhere along the way he appears to have lost the passion and desire that served him so well with Newcastle United.

Listening to him now, on his days off from Fulham, is like sitting on your grandfather's

knee and hearing gentle tales of times gone by. Where is the excitement, the vocal urgency? All we seem to get nowadays is a few calm observations, although they are, at least, liberally laced with humour, of which Waddle is devoid.

When Ha Seok-Ju, the South Korean, was sent off shortly after giving his side the lead against Mexico, Keegan said: "Ha... he's not laughing now." He then followed it

with: "From hero to zero." Not exactly original but a welcome respite from his usual deadpan approach.

However, any credit was swiftly turned into debit when he tried to argue that Ha should not have been sent off — despite the fact that he had taken away the legs of his opponent without a second's thought; despite the fact that he had flagrantly contravened every refereeing directive from Fifa, the sport's world governing body.

Clive Tyldesley, the commentator, earned bonus points by quickly reminding his senior partner of the Fifa edict.

"Ha did take a lot of the man," Tyldesley said, without a hint of embarrassment. Per-

haps a few more people should be telling Keegan that he hung up his boots ages ago and, therefore, is now free of the ball and chain that once shackled him. Let's get real, Kevin. And you, too, Chris.

Another moot point is whether commentators should stick to football or be allowed to venture into the grey area of politics. Barry Davies dared to do the latter at the start of the Spain v Nigeria match and it will be interesting to see if the BBC mandarins decide that he stepped outside his brief.

The pre-match warm-up from the panel had been good. "I feel facially inadequate," Martin O'Neill said, as he sat flanked by the bleach-blond McCoist and long-haired Ginola. Much good-natured

banter with Gary Lineker followed.

Davies then trod boldly when explaining that the Nigeria players were wearing black armbands as a mark of respect to General Sani Abacha, the country's leader, who had died a week earlier. "There might be a few people around the world who might not agree with that," Davies said, a reference to Abacha's less than exemplary record on human rights.

Davies has to be careful. With the Beeb bosses yet to decide whether he or John Motson will bring us the final on July 12, it would be a shame if one throwaway remark were to influence such an issue. At least Waddle or Keegan are not in contention.

'Forget about the scorpion and the bicycle. World football now has the Emperor Penguin kick'

Blanco the magician a hard act to follow

Northern France

By Saturday night, a certain pattern was emerging from the World Cup first round and I set off for Belgium v Holland at the Stade de France in St-Denis with a lengthy list of requirements. These included one or two own goals (groan), a flamboyant new star to set the world aflame (hurrah), the improvisation of trick kicks (ooh) and unfamiliar player names either too short or too long to sit comfortably on the back of a shirt (mm).

This wasn't asking too much, actually. After all, the afternoon game between South Korea and Mexico had given us lots of entertainment along those lines. "Isn't that Peter Strangelove?" we cried, delightedly. "Not it is the bottle-blond Hernandez, who is a happy man scoring goals in multiples!"

Also in this game, I'm ashamed to say, I had a secret crossword puzzle pleasure studying the tersely economical South Korean names (N-Y-HA and J-S-KOI) and trying to fit other letters in the big gaps, to make a common word or saying, either backwards or forwards.

But it was the Mexican trick-kick that truly tingled the excitement zones. Cornered by two defenders (one on each side), Blanco simply clamped the ball between his ankles and jumped forward with it, knees together, as if in a sack race. Clear of danger, he then expertly freed the ball and kicked it. Well, what a trick. The football equivalent of the trapdoor and puff of smoke. "Where did it go?" the defenders turned to ask the crowd, scratching their heads. "Behind you!" was the reply. Forget the scorpion and the bicycle. World football now has the Emperor Penguin kick, a name that will, alas, only catch on if

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sufficient people know about Antarctic egg-straddling (which is exactly what it resembles). More likely they will call it the kangaroo kick or the sack-race kick. Which obviously will be a second-best decision.

Anyway, suffice to say, Holland v Belgium's paltry fare was a disappointment after South Korea and Mexico, despite the delightful coincidence of St-Denis (of Bergkamp) being present at St-Denis and the glorious indigo and orange of the Dutch strip piercing the evening gloom. On a cold night with drifting rain, in an over-subscribed fixture I personally fought like a hellcat to see Holland somehow tragically underperformed, and that was that.

No one could explain it. Instead of slicing through the opposition, they charged uphill a lot and then just handed the ball back to the Belgium goalkeeper. "Didn't you want this, then?" he queried repeatedly. "No, we've finished



Hernandez, scorer of two goals for Mexico against South Korea, milks the applause while the baffling Blanco moves in to offer his congratulations

with it. You have it." "Sure?" "Yes." "Well, all right. If you're positive. Thanks." I have never seen a keeper absorb the limelight quite so much as Belgium's Filip de Wilde on Saturday night.

There's a speech in Thomas Hardy's *Far from the Madding Crowd* about a longed-for domestic stability, along the lines of "when I look up, there you shall be." I've always thought it sounded ghastly. Well, every time you looked up on Saturday night, there De Wilde was. Not that his saves were notable. Only a second-half better from Jaap Stam looked like a potential goal.

Marc Overmars — who is evidently as popular with the national fans as he has become at Highbury — repeatedly outstripped his markers, but after each heroic surge ("he's off"), or indeed after each Holland corner or free kick, the ball just landed up again with the Belgian 'keeper. It was bizarre. De Wilde had the ball so often in his care that he must sometimes have considered sitting on it and hatching it.

The crowd deserved much better than this — although the Belgians clearly relished the draw and waved flags ecstatically at the whistle. But more action would

have been appreciated all round. Expectant Belgians and Dutch were hugely represented in this enormous stadium and the Dutch band, which played throughout, even dabbled in quite sophisticated orchestration. Huge, heart-breaking cheers greeted the teams and the national anthems, giving a taste of what the atmosphere might have been had anybody on the pitch gone all funny for a moment and scored a goal.

It was a crowd that reacted to everything. When Bergkamp (on the substitutes' bench until the 65th minute) went for a warm-up trot in a big orange jacket, the roar

was tremendous; and on every occasion of a back-pass, the air was filled with boos and hisses. But in total there were only three or four cheerable shots on goal, plus some justified outrage at one bad offside decision and one questionable sending-off (both involving Patrick Kluijver).

In short, I honestly believe that if, after 60 minutes of this game, the egg-headed Italian ref had announced "hey, fancy a pizza?" the general reaction would have been one of relief.

Changing the subject, on Friday night, after the French success against South Africa, I was in a

taxi at midnight near the Gare du Nord, held up at some lights. "What now?" I wondered. And then, ahead, travelling right to left across the path of the southbound Paris traffic, came a stream of Rollerbladers. The traffic honked, the lights changed to green, to red again, green, red, green. And still they whirled past — hundreds of people, taking to the streets the way only the French know how. I assume that they weren't choosing this bizarre hour to promote Rollerblade awareness, but to celebrate the three goals in Marseille. I certainly hope so. Because it was wonderful.

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Schumacher off course

From Mr Nicholas Lynn
Sir, Why is it that when he is given a taste of his own driving antics, Michael Schumacher feels compelled to lecture the rest of the Formula One community about dangerous driving, as he did after the Canadian Grand Prix last weekend?

This is a bit rich coming from a man who has so far shunted David Coulthard off the track in a reckless attempt to overtake and who, I seem to recall, last season engaged in exactly the kind of activity that Damon Hill meted out to him in Canada.

While Schumacher is clearly a very talented driver, he is also a bully in his tactics and attitude to the others in the race with him. The truth is that, when others are not intimidated, he is liable to make errors like the rest, which is why he was so vocal several years back when he was being pressured by Hill in their contests for the world championship.

It has come to the point now when the Formula One authorities need to exercise some impartiality in judging him, for nobody is bigger than the sport and if he is allowed to

carry on unchecked then he will kill himself or someone else. While his talent is immense, it is not as great as he thinks it is.

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From Miss Philippa Johnson and Miss Lydia Kirk
Sir, Why should Michael Schumacher be punished because his style is bolder and more determined than many of his rivals? Everyone makes mistakes and just because he is the best driver does not mean that he is immune from miscalculation. Under conditions of such high concentration and pressure as in a race, mistakes are liable to be made by all drivers, but because Schumacher is constantly in the spotlight even small errors are condemned.

If other drivers are going to slate him, they should be able to prove that they are of higher quality and would react in a superior way to situations such as the one involving Damon Hill in Canada.

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Raking over the ashes of English rugby

From Mr Barry White
Sir, The Ashes of Rugby: "In affectionate remembrance of English rugby which died at Sunningdale Stadium, Brisbane, June 6, 1998. Deeply lamented by a large circle of sorrowing friends and acquaintances." Appropriate ashes would be from the ritual burning of the jockstraps of the players who stayed at home, plus a contribution from the officials of no vision who let it happen.

The unfortunate XV lucky enough to wear the rose should be blameless, but at 76-0 it was not one of England's finest 80 minutes. Their may

be hope for those nostalgic about the pride and passion of international rugby, and even for those who stayed at home. It would now seem, ironically, that only the intervention of the advertisers can salvage what used to be, and let William Webb Ellis stop turning and rest in peace.

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Game proposal

From Mr Keith Morbey
Sir, It might seem a little premature to consider the new English football season, which will start in August, but I would like to put forward a suggestion which I feel merits consideration.

As Arsenal completed the double it is obviously not possible for them to play themselves for the Charity Shield. Although there may be some merit in them playing Chelsea (holders of the Cup Winners' Cup), there is a better solution.

This would involve Glenn Hoddle's England team facing a team of overseas players currently playing in the Premiership. Arsenal's achievement would be honoured if the

overseas team were to be selected by Arsène Wenger. Arsenal players would not be excluded as at least half would be likely to be selected for one side or the other.

The merit of this proposal would be twofold. First, if England's campaign in France meets with some success, the returning players could be greeted by the fans in a suitable manner. If, however, England endure a disappointing tournament, at least there would be a chance to give an outing to the probable side who will all too soon be involved in the attempt to qualify for the next European championship.

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Back-hander

From Mr Joseph McNeilly
Sir, Simon Barnes (Midweek View, June 3) referred to a situation when Paul Gascoigne "fulfilled every schoolboy's fantasy of running through an entire team and scoring — something a grown-up can do only in Scottish football."

Barnes appears to be suffering from selective memory syndrome. I recollect a certain Maradona running through the entire English team and scoring in a fairly recent World Cup game, the one he scored after the "Hand of God" goal.

Yours faithfully,
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More support for Hick

From Mr John Barnes
Sir, Further to Mr Stewart's letter on Graeme Hick (June 8), the following comparison should give the selectors cause for thought:

I NO Runs Avg 100
GA HICK 46 82 6 2872 35 10 4
GA GROOM 46 82 4 2812 36 06 4

Go on, of course, by the end of the 1985 series had topped 3,000 runs, added another century and pushed his average up to 37.43, but then Hick might do the same given the chance.

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From Mr Trevor Bennett
Sir, It seems that attendances and expectations are changing in the Test match arena.

In 1967, in the first Test against India at Headingley, Geoffrey Boycott scored 100 not out, the first hundred of his 246 not out coming in 341 minutes, compared with Michael Atherton's century in 339 minutes.

Atherton's performance has been greeted with euphoria; Boycott's performance resulted in his being dropped for the following Test.

This week in THE TIMES



Tomorrow: Enter England — can Shearer fire his country to a morale-boosting win?

Wednesday: Scotland meet Norway — the crucial match that neither team can afford to lose

Thursday: The second Test at Lord's — Alec Stewart's England aim to break their hoodoo at Headquarters

Friday: TGV — Lynne Truss continues her World Cup travels across France

Saturday: Danny Baker casts his eye over France 98

CRICKET: ENGLAND ADD SILVERWOOD TO SQUAD FOR SECOND TEST AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA AT LORD'S

Headley stands by to make return to the front line

By MICHAEL HENDERSON

ENGLAND will stand by the men who played so well against South Africa at Edgbaston for the second Test, which begins at Lord's on Thursday. Dean Headley, of Kent, who was left out of the team in Birmingham, is likely to regain his place in the absence of the injured Darren Gough. Chris Silverwood, Gough's Yorkshire team-mate, is included in the 12 and will probably be released on the morning of the match.

David Graveney, the chairman of selectors, said that "nothing has been set in stone". It is possible, after a reading of the pitch, that Silverwood will make his first Test appearance in this country, but it is more likely that Mark Ealham, who took his first first-class wicket of the season at Edgbaston, will continue as the fourth seam bowler.

"Silverwood was involved last winter and has started the season well," Graveney said. "He is in prime form and deserves to be in the squad." Silverwood took five Hampshire wickets at Headingley on Friday and, for the time being, all he can do is keep taking wickets in the hope that his patience will eventually be rewarded. He has been on the pitch two hours and played a single Test in Zimbabwe.

Silverwood is not the only form horse. Melvyn Betts, of Durham, earned a mention and rather more attention was paid to Ed Giddins, of Warwickshire, whose 11 wickets in the championship match at Bristol confirmed the splendid way that he has restarted his career.

In the wet days of early summer there have been wickets galore for the seam and swing bowlers so making judgments, rather than following figures, is of the essence. There is no more able seam

bowler available than Andrew Caddick, who is in form and greatly missed at his exclusion. Where Caddick is concerned, however, wickets are no longer sufficient.

Four years ago, when South Africa played at Lord's for the first time since 1965 after their readmission to Test cricket two years earlier, they won by 356 runs. The match will be remembered for the searing heat in which it was played and for the "dirt-in-pocket" affair that embroiled the captain, Michael Atherton, in a modern-day morality play.

ENGLAND

M A Atherton (Lancashire)
M A Butcher (Surrey)
N Hussain (Essex)
A J Stewart (Surrey)
G P Thorpe (Surrey)
M R Rampaul (Leeds)
M A Ealham (Kent)
D G Cork (Derbyshire)
R D B Croft (Glamorgan)
D W Headley (Kent)
A R C Fraser (Middlesex)
C E W Silverwood (Yorkshire)

that almost led to his deposition.

Atherton, who was fined £2,000 by Raymond Illingworth, then the chairman of selectors, for deceiving Peter Burge, the match referee, has happier reasons to approach this coming engagement. His twelfth of his Test career, was an outstanding piece of batting in difficult conditions.

For all the brave words, and the deeds at Edgbaston, where Dominic Cork's return to the team was accompanied by his return to form, recent history does not favour England at Lord's.

In the past 15 years they have won only one Test there, against West Indies, on Cork's debut three years ago. Too often, on this most famous of

stages, they seem to forget their lines.

By one of those quirks, teams from overseas tend not to. Graveney admitted that the ground "always seems to be an inspiration for our opponents". Pakistan have won there twice in the Nineties, and Australia would most likely have claimed a fourth successive victory there last year if the weather had been kinder. For whatever reason, and a lack of happy memories is surely one, England are rarely seen at their best at Lord's.

Another, offered by some players in their private moments, is the more contentious view that Lord's does not feel like a home ground. Many an England player has confessed to feeling an outsider on a ground where restraint is still considered a virtue.

Last year Roger Knight, the secretary of MCC, was widely mocked for making a request before the start of the first day for spectators to observe proper manners at all times. It followed scenes of revelry at Edgbaston, where England had beaten Australia to go 1-0 up in the series.

There were more scenes of disruption at Edgbaston last week, when some England players were seen applauding the occupants of the noisy Rea Bank Stand as they left the field. Bob Bennett, chairman of the England management committee, shares the concern felt by many people about recent crowd behaviour at Test matches, but he will not issue any edict to the players.

"It is difficult for the players, when they are on the field, to know whether the support from the stands is genuine, or whether it is just people being boisterous," Bennett said. "Therefore I would not be critical of the players acknowledging the crowd."



Headley is set to benefit from Gough's misfortune by returning to the England team

Time switches sending out wrong signals

SIMON WILDE



Championship Commentary

WHAT time does a professional cricket match start? Well, the answer is obvious to the marketing department of the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) and those supporters with good memories who have not yet despaired of trying to fit the rest of their lives around this once most ritualised of sports.

If it is a NatWest Trophy tie, games begin at 10.30am. If it is a one-day international, 10.45am. Benson and Hedges Cup and Test matches start at 11am. Axa League games begin at 2pm — unless a match is on terrestrial television, in which case it begins an hour earlier, or on satellite television, then ten minutes later. If it is played under floodlights, try around 5pm.

As for Britannic Assurance county championship games, they could not be easier. They all begin at 11am — except in September, when starts come forward by 30 minutes, and certain games in June, July and August, which may begin at noon, 12.30pm, or even 1pm, depending on what arrangements sides have made. See press for details.

With counties also licensed to start Axa League and championship matches on days other than Sunday, the fixture list this season is unarguably the most baffling yet. Spectators have never been less certain of when an umpire will call "play" or when he will call "time". Over the past few days, this has come after 8pm on several occasions.

Ironically, the object of this convoluted exercise is to attract new spectators. What may happen is that it alienates the core audience. The marketing men based at Lord's may have observed spectators dropping in there on the way home from work, but cosmopolitan London — and Hove, which tries 1pm starts this week — is not the same as Leicester, Bristol and Chester-le-Street, where matches are being staged out of normal hours with conspicuous lack of success.

It is reasonable to expect

ment, but the ECB should know that such schemes have been tried before without success. As long ago as 1919, matches were played over two long days but, apart from being disliked by players, were unpopular with spectators, whose craving for food overcame their passion for a game that they had not witnessed during the war years.

To counter sinking appeal in the 1950s, the game unsuccessfully dabbled with late starts and evening play. Returned in 1984, when the authorities, fearing that the public had been short-changed by low over-rates, ordered at least 117 overs to be bowled each day. Numerous games finished in the gloaming and unattended. The minimum is now 104 overs, which can take play beyond 7pm.

The fact is that, except for isolated periods, championship cricket has always been poorly supported. This summer, the rival attraction of the football World Cup has not helped innovation, nor has the rain, which ruined the programme on Saturday.

Old Trafford saw most action and, given another half-day's play, Lancashire should beat Somerset. A likely duel between Courtney Walsh and Brian Lara may decide the outcome of the game between Gloucestershire and Warwickshire.

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By PETER JONES

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CRICKET

Lancashire sky lit up by Flintoff's firepower

By MICHAEL HENDERSON

OLD TRAFFORD (Lancashire won toss): Lancashire (4pts) beat Somerset (2pts) by six wickets

ON WEDNESDAY, Lancashire play Surrey in a day-night game at Old Trafford. A bucketing breeze is promised, and fireworks to light up the sky. Yesterday, however, they had to make do with Andrew Flintoff.

Most Sunday cricket is disposable. The occasional catch stays in the mind, and every now and then there is an innings to savour, or more frequently to chuck over, but this is really the Benetton of sport: mass-produced cricket for an audience that is not too sticky. Yet, yesterday, when Flintoff supplied another hint of his developing talent, a murky Manchester day suddenly became a garden of delight.

He made only 39 but in the course of his rollicking frolic he cleared the ropes three times, lifting Rose over long leg and swatting him beyond long-on, and driving Caddick into the seats at the City End. Searching for a fourth six at the Stretford End, he drove Jones towards long-on, where Burns held a good, low catch.

This was not the best victory Lancashire will achieve this season. It is not even the best victory they will achieve this week, assuming the weather permits enough play for them to complete a win some time today in the championship match between the sides. Somerset played some poor cricket, and were duly vanquished with more than 11 overs to spare.

A score of 163 for nine was as modest as it looked and, after Flintoff's clattering prelude, the game continued on its ordained course. Atherton made 37, Crawley 41 and there was little that Somerset could do to stop the tide.

Last week, when Flintoff made a championship hundred at Northampton, he hit the ball so hard that he put

people in mind of Botham. He is a big man, at 6ft 4in, and when he connects, the ball travels fast, and far. Old Trafford is not a small ground and here he was, sending the ball into the bleachers even when he was not striking it cleanly.

To charge Rose, as he did, and pull-drive him for six was nothing less than an act of impudence. There was a need for such urgency, because the uncertain weather compelled Lancashire to get their runs quickly. In case the Duckworth-Lewis system was needed. But that is the way Flintoff plays anyway and, though his uninhibited strokeplay will get him out, his is a talent that demands encouragement.

His best shot was a skimming on-drive that dispatched Caddick for four, first bounce, just before his third six. Flintoff took 15 off the over and Caddick did not take kindly to such treatment, feeling that, as he is a Test bowler, it was a case of *l'es-majeste*. Perhaps he and other bowlers had better get used to it. At 20, and with a world of opportunity lying before him, Flintoff is scared of nobody.

The rest of the play was pretty thin. Wasim bowled a testing spell, conceding fewer than two runs an over, and he rotated his bowlers capably at the City End. But people do not come to Sunday cricket to say: "I thought Was rotated his bowlers very capably." They want some fizz-bang-wallop and the only man to give them that, before Flintoff, was Caddick, who drove and lapped Yates for a pair of sixes.

Lancashire's fielding was first-rate. Lloyd, back-pedalling at deep square leg, held a good catch, and Martin, who is not exactly a gazelle, moved smartly to catch a better one at long-on. Yates, the one-day specialist slow bowler, and Green, who was playing in place of Chapple, who had a back spasm, each ended with three wickets.



Maynard strikes Haynes for four at Cardiff yesterday but his 42 off 34 balls was not enough for the home side

Hick makes light of hard task

By RICHARD HOBSON

CARDIFF (Worcestershire won toss): Worcestershire (4pts) beat Glamorgan by seven wickets

DUNCAN FLETCHER assesses the prospects of returning to Glamorgan as coach next year at 90 per cent after the first round of negotiations with the club. The likelihood is that his tasks will include steering the county out of the second division of the new National League, the successor to the Sunday League. They are so far afield of the top-nine finish required to qualify for the top flight. Then again, they do not have to bowl to Graeme Hick every weekend.

Although he guided Glamorgan to a first champion-

ship success since 1969 last year, Fletcher, the former Zimbabwe captain, admitted that progress in the one-day competitions was markedly slower. A record of just a single win in eight 40 overs matches together with elimination at the final stage of the Benson and Hedges Cup, suggests the problem remains unsolved in his absence.

The fact that Matthew Maynard lost the toss yesterday represents considerable mitigation in a contest reduced to 19 overs. They were also missing their three best pace bowlers - Waqar Younis rested, and Watkin and the improving Thomas through injury.

James was sacrificed in pursuit of quick runs and Shaw was stumped attempting to hit the final ball of Illingworth's spell into the nearby leisure centre.

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YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Axa League

Essex v Surrey	
CHELMSFORD (Surrey won toss): Essex (4pts) beat Surrey by 26 runs (D/L method)	
ESSEX	
D J Robinson lbw b Tudor	26
S G Lee c Bailey b Tudor	30
N Hussain c Bailey b Ratcliffe	21
R C Hall not out	14
D Law not out	15
Extras (lb 5, w 7, nb 4)	16
Total (3 wickets, 27 overs)	136
SURREY	
A P Grayson, S D Peters, R J Rolins, M C Iqbal, P M Such and D M Cousins did not bat.	
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-27, 2-57, 3-122	
BOWLING: Bowler: 2-26-0, Bagmore 6-0-22-0, Tudor 4-0-22-0, Saeed Mushtaq 5-0-12-0, Hollis 3-0-24-0, Ratcliffe 1-0-15-1	

Surrey	
G P Thomas b Cousins	14
A G Stuart c Iqbal b Cousins	15
M A Butcher lbw b Iqbal	3
A J Holliday c S G Lee b Iqbal	3
D Ratcliffe c Hussain b Grayson	17
J Ward c D R Law b Cousins	3
A J Tudor b S G Lee	6
J Paddy not out	1
M P Bostwell not out	6
Extras (lb 5, w 7, nb 4)	16
Total (7 wickets, 11 overs)	68
Saeed Mushtaq and J E Benjamin did not bat.	
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-32, 2-35, 3-36, 4-35, 5-41, 6-53, 7-64	
BOWLING: Iqbal 2-0-12-0, Cousins 4-0-22-0, Iqbal 2-0-12-0, Grayson 2-0-15-1, S G Lee 1-0-10-1	
Umpires: M J Kishen and B Leadbeater	

Glamorgan v Worcestershire

CARDIFF (Worcestershire won toss): Worcestershire (4pts) beat Glamorgan by seven wickets	
GLAMORGAN	
M P Maynard c Newport b Moody	42
R D Croft c Hales b Newport	12
A C Copley c Moody b Chapman	22
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S P James run out	1
M P Maynard c Newport b Moody	42
Extras (lb 5, w 7, nb 4)	16
Total (9 wickets, 18 overs)	136
D A Cosker and O T Parkin did not bat.	
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-27, 2-45, 3-73, 4-80, 5-103, 6-108, 7-121	
BOWLING: Newport 4-0-17-1, Hays 3-0-23-0, Chapman 2-0-18-1, Moody 4-0-32-2, Iqbal 2-0-15-1, Leadbeater 2-0-13-4	
Umpires: J C Balderson and J H Hampshire	

Gloucestershire v Warwickshire

BRISTOL (Gloucestershire won toss): No result. Gloucestershire 2pts, Warwickshire 2	
GLoucestershire	
G I Macmillan b Gidkins	0
R I Dawson b Small	19
M W Allyn c Knight b Gidkins	19
A J Wright not out	22
M G N Windows not out	8
Extras (lb 5, w 7, nb 4)	16
Total (5 wickets, 11.4 overs)	49
WARWICKSHIRE	
T H Hancock, R C Russell, M C J Ball, M J Cawston, A M Smith and C A Walsh did not bat.	
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-11, 3-33	
BOWLING: Brown 6-1-13-0, Gidkins 4-0-20-2, Smith 1-0-14-1	
WARWICKSHIRE: N M K Smith, N V Knight, D P Gidkins, T H Hancock, R C Russell, M C J Ball, M J Cawston, A M Smith and C A Walsh did not bat.	
Umpires: A Cawston and V A Holder	

Lancashire v Somerset

OLD TRAFFORD (Lancashire won toss): Lancashire (4pts) beat Somerset (2pts) by six wickets	
SOMERSET	
M T Burne c Yates b Green	21
P C L Holloway c Wainwright b Green	9
D D Jones b Wainwright	9
M Latham c Hogg b Green	2
S C Eccleshall c Martin b Yates	6
R J Turner lbw b Austin	2
K A Parsons c Lloyd b Green	18
M E Treaclock not out	16
A R Caddick not out	18
S Jones not out	12
Extras (lb 3, lb 5, w 9)	17
Total (9 wickets, 40 overs)	163
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-44, 2-69, 3-73, 4-84, 5-102, 6-109, 7-121, 8-124, 9-145	
BOWLING: Martin 6-0-36-0, Austin 6-1-18-0, Wainwright 6-0-36-0, Wainwright 6-1-18-0, Fitt 3-0-14-0, Yates 8-0-35-3	
Lancashire	
M A Atherton c Turner b Ahmed	37
A Flintoff c Burns b Jones	39
G D Jones c Hogg b Green	22
M Latham c Hogg b Green	2
S C Eccleshall c Martin b Yates	6
R J Turner lbw b Austin	2
K A Parsons c Lloyd b Green	18
M E Treaclock not out	16
A R Caddick not out	18
S Jones not out	12
Extras (lb 3, lb 5, w 9)	17
Total (9 wickets, 40 overs)	163
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-44, 2-69, 3-73, 4-84, 5-102, 6-109, 7-121, 8-124, 9-145	
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Umpires: A A Jones and R J Allen	

Leicestershire v Kent

LEICESTER (Kent won toss): No result. Leicestershire 2pts, Kent 2pts	
LEICESTERSHIRE	
P V Simmons c Marsh b Headley	4
V J Wells c Marsh b Headley	4
B Smith b Headley	13
C C Lewis c Marsh b Headley	13
D L Moody b Headley	13
A J Munn not out	1
T J Stanger not out	1
Extras (lb 1, nb 2)	3
Total (5 wickets, 9 overs)	38
Kent	
M J Doherty, M Wainwright, A Habb and A D Habb did not bat.	
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-4, 3-10, 4-10, 5-25	
BOWLING: Headley 5-1-14-2, Habb 4-0-10-2	
Kent: R W T Key, T Ward, C L Hopper, A D Habb, M A Habb, R Doherty, D W Habb, M J Doherty	
Umpires: T E Jesty and A G T Whitehead	

Yorkshire v Hampshire

HEADINGLEY (Yorkshire won toss): No result. Yorkshire 2pts, Hampshire 2	
HAMPSHIRE	
J P Stephenson c Blakey b Silverwood	4
N A Mclennan c Stamp b Hutchinson	4
G W White b Hutchinson	4
A R Smith b Silverwood	4
O A Kenworthy lbw b Hutchinson	4
R J Woodhouse not out	1
P R Whicker b Hutchinson	1
D L Udal b Hutchinson	1
Extras (lb 5, w 7, nb 4)	16
Total (5 wickets, 10 overs)	28
C A Connor did not bat.	
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-4, 3-22, 4-35, 5-68, 6-74, 7-121, 8-124, 9-145	
BOWLING: Silverwood 6-0-36-0, Hutchinson 6-0-36-0, Habb 4-0-36-0, Wainwright 6-0-36-0, Fitt 3-0-14-0, Yates 8-0-35-3	
Umpires: M J Harte and P Wally	

No PLAY YESTERDAY: Cheshire v Gloucestershire, 2pts each. Cheshire 2pts, Gloucestershire 2pts

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Yorkshire's ambitions dampened

By JOHN STERN

HEADINGLEY (Yorkshire won toss): Match abandoned. Yorkshire (2pts), Hampshire (2)

HAD this match concluded, one would have expected a Yorkshire victory, as there ought to be in the championship match. However, rain ruined the contest after washing out the third day of the first-class fixture. Given that Yorkshire were second in the Axa League at the start of play, they will not be best pleased with the outcome.

The rain that hit Head-

ingley briefly at 4.50pm, and then more persistently later on, rendered the match an official no-contest, although it had been just that, unofficially, from not long after the Hampshire's spectacular collapse was the less startling because of their similar demise in the championship match.

The main problem for the Hampshire was the uneven bounce but first Chris Silverwood and then Gavin Hamilton, who, on Friday, made himself available for selection for Scotland's World Cup squad next year, achieved enough movement off the

seam to have Hampshire 54 for eight before the first interruption.

Silverwood took a wicket in his first over of the innings, producing a beauty that left Stephenson and was caught behind by Blakey. The decision to open the batting with Nixon McLean was interesting, and the West Indian pace bowler lasted five balls, one of which he hit for four and the last of which was caught on the deep square-leg boundary.

After taking two for five in six overs, Silverwood was, rather surprisingly, removed from the attack, but he simply made way for Hamilton to

produce his best Axa figures. He took four for six in 13 balls, three being bowled and one leg-before. He nipped the ball back into Kenway and Udal but produced a superb leg-cut that bowled Maclean. His fifth wicket was that of White, who hung on for 68 balls but was eighth out with the score on 52 when he offered no stroke to a ball that cut back sharply.

Further rain meant the match was reduced to 30 overs a side and Hampshire finished on 78 for eight, meaning Yorkshire would have had to chase 72 according to Duckworth-Lewis.

Giddins gathers consolation prize

By BARNEY SPENDER

BRISTOL (Gloucestershire won toss): Match abandoned. Gloucestershire and Warwickshire 2pts each

GOOD intentions turned to farce at the County Ground when, with the sun streaming down for the first time all day, the two captains, Mark Alleyne and Brian Lara, shook hands just after 6.30 and agreed to share the points in this Axa League match.

The decision came almost three hours after heavy rain had interrupted a game already reduced to 32 overs and its inevitability was a slap in the face for those spectators who had stayed on in the belief that there would be more cricket.

The desire to resume the match at 6.40, with Warwickshire chasing a revised target of 61 from ten overs, was in itself worthy in spite of the fact that Gloucestershire had only scrambled to 49 for three from 11.4 overs. But the outfield was soaked and the chances of restarting were always faint.

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Henry the favourite for Wales

GRAHAM HENRY, the coach of Auckland Blues, is front-runner for the job of Wales rugby union national coach. The New Zealander has made no secret of his desire to coach on the international stage and the Wales job is the only opportunity to do that before the World Cup.

Glanmor Griffiths, the Welsh Rugby Union chairman, said that the search was a global one: "We will be holding interviews - and it is likely that we will be asking candidates to fly to Wales. A number of big names have put themselves in the frame and we hope to be in a position to make a decision at the end of the month. We are determined to find the right candidate."

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SPORT IN BRIEF

FENCING: Marek Stepień, from Poland, won the Miller Hallett Open FA épée championship title 15-10 in an energetic final at the Lansdowne Club, London. He beat Alex Agrinich, from Israel. The top Britons were Mark Kingston, of Wales, and Greg Allen, who shared third place.

CYCLING: Armand de las Cuevas, of France, won the eight-day Dauphine Libère race through the French Alps. Miguel Angel Peña, of Spain, won the final stage yesterday and finished second overall. In the third round of the World Cup track competition in Berlin, Jon Clay, Matthew Illingworth, Bryan Steel and Rob Hayles set a new British 4,000 metres team

Surrey left with hopeless chase

By JACK BAILEY

CHELMSFORD: Essex (4pts) beat Surrey by 26 runs (D/L method)

IT WAS one of those awful rain-affected days in the Axa League yesterday when mathematicians were constantly revising such things as minimum overs to be bowled for a result and runs needed for a win, and Surrey supporters became vociferous in the knowledge that it was in their team's best interest if the match was abandoned. It very nearly was but, in the end, the victors were Duckworth/Lewis and Essex, in that order.

Battling first was a boon. After a shaky start, Essex took advantage of a clear run of 27 overs before the stormclouds affected the issue. Their 136 for three saw both Laws, Irani and Hussain all prove briefly effective in a concerted effort to beat the weather.

By the time that the effects of

a long interruption had been sorted out, Surrey embarked on an innings with a maximum span of 17 overs, needing 137 to win.

Alec Stewart and Graham Thorpe moved the innings along at a brisk pace but then both fell in one over to Darren Coulter. After that Surrey were always labouring to keep up with the run-rate. Adam Hobbins was brilliantly caught at mid-wicket by Stuart Law, Mark Butcher was out to the very next ball and Ian Ward was caught near the boundary.

More rain, more bad light and Surrey were left to score 82 from seven overs to win. From an Essex point of view two more overs were needed to complete the mandatory ten for the match to be valid. Once this was achieved, Surrey required more than 12 runs an over, had three wickets remaining and Essex were out of sight.

champion in Liverpool on Saturday. Kevin Atherton is the British champion. Lisa Mason, the British champion, regained her English title.

ROWING: Caus finished Head of the Cambridge Mays for the first time in ten years although Jesus gave them a fright when they dosed to within 3ft opposite the Plough in Fenn Ditton. In the women's first division, Pembroke were never troubled and finished four lengths clear of Emmanuel at the top.

FELT RUNNING: Andrew Pearson, a former European cross-country bronze medal-winner, booked

TENNIS

Humble Draper defies injury to secure first title

By JULIAN MUSCAT, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

IN COMMEMORATION of their 20-year partnership with Queen's Club, a roll-call of previous winners has adorned the daily programme at this Stella Artois championship. None has needed identifying but Scott Draper, who survived the carnage to triumph over Laurence Tieleman in the final yesterday, goes down as the odd man out.

Thus Draper's name joins the likes of McEnroe, Connors, Lendl, Becker, Edberg and Sampras on the same handsome trophy. The Australian may be ranked a lowly No 108 in the world, but he took some notable scalps along the way. His victory will be celebrated in his native Queensland, the birthplace of Rod Laver, to whose majestic talent Draper had previously been likened.

It is a find that comparison flatters, but it doesn't fit. "You are talking about the greatest man in international tennis but I'm no one."

The knee-brace on Draper's right leg symbolised his recent plight, although he was later to reveal that he almost missed the event to submit to the surgeon's knife. Trouble-some ligaments have plagued him for 12 months; he did not sit down during changeovers and sufficiently retained his concentration to bank the winner's cheque of £51,515.

He plays at Nottingham this week before advancing on Wimbledon — where he has yet to win a match in three visits.

After a succession of one-dimensional finals, Queen's Club regulars will have enjoyed this match. It featured some pleasing exchanges between two players bereft of a heavy weapon. The contest effectively hinged on a ten-minute period starting with the first-set tie-break, from which Draper emerged with the spoils.

That disappointment affected Tieleman, who promptly played a poor service game in the opening game of the second set to cede an initiative

that Draper would not relinquish. The Australian left-hander has too often squandered a winning position by freezing under the spotlight. This facet has undermined his entire career but it would not undermine him now. After years of heartbreak and injury, Draper, 24, had finally claimed his first ATP Tour title.

Tieleman, a London resident and member at Queen's, also enjoyed a week to remember. World-ranked No 253, he qualified for the event before advancing beyond an injured Rusedski and a lacklustre Henman en route to the final. His allegiance to the Italian flag is purely one of convenience; that country's federation funded his junior career after Belgium, his birthplace, and Holland, that of his father, refused.

Although the underdogs had their day here, the enduring memory of this tournament is the detrimental effect it has brought to bear on British prospects for Wimbledon. Serious bruises, to the body and mind respectively, were inflicted on Rusedski and Henman at a time when both men needed the comforting balm of match practice.

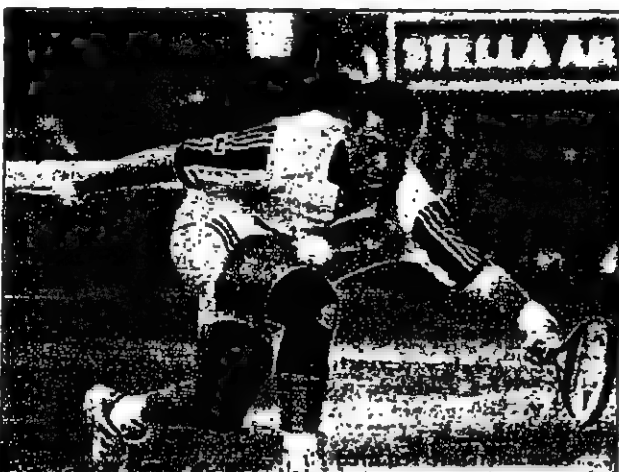
Rusedski watched the final with his left leg in plaster when he was widely tipped to contest it. Tim Henman, who should have contested it, was

left to ruminate on another baffling failure.

Not until Rusedski has the plaster removed from his ankle tomorrow can the extent of his ligament damage be properly assessed. Even if he does reach the gates of Wimbledon, Rusedski will hardly be primed to survive two hard weeks — initially on the similar lush grass that precipitated his fall — of a grand-slam tournament.

Henman's tribulations are entirely different. He quickly accepted responsibility for a poor performance, but roundly dismissed its influence over his Wimbledon prospects. This is a moot point. From an equally advantageous position against Karol Kucera in the Sydney final in January, Henman lost that match — through a similar lapse in concentration — before his catastrophic defeat by Jerome Golmard in the first round of the Australian Open.

On a positive note, what was evident about Henman in the early rounds here was his sweet timing of the ball. Although he had not played competitively for more than two weeks, he made light of treacherous conditions on Tuesday to outclass Sargis Sargsian. That he is not contesting the Nottingham Open should help him to be mentally fresh for the Wimbledon fortnight.



Draper at full stretch on his way to victory yesterday

Gloomy weather spoils party for Graf

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

STEFFI GRAF attempted to celebrate her 29th birthday with victory in the DFS Classic at Birmingham was again interrupted by rain yesterday.

Graf had played for only nine minutes against Nathalie Tauziat, the French

holder of the singles title, in the opening semi-final when a heavy shower drove the players from the court. Graf lost the three games that were played.

Further showers prevented the ground staff from getting the Centre Court playable again and play was abandoned for the day four hours later.

The semi-finals and final will now be played today, weather permitting, with Graf first on against Tauziat, followed by the Russian, Elena Likhovtseva, against Yayuk Basuki, of Indonesia.

The referee, Ann Jones, said: "We might have played indoors but spectators are not allowed in because of safety regulations and all four semi-finalists wanted to play on grass if it were at all possible."

"But if we cannot finish tomorrow that will be it because the Eastbourne tournament begins on Tuesday."

Kafelnikov finds incentive to show old form

FROM ALIX RAMSAY IN HAILE

IT MAY not have been the greatest final that Yevgeny Kafelnikov has ever played, but after the past four months he was happy to take anything he could get. He did just enough to beat Magnus Larsson 6-4, 6-4 to win the Gerry Weber Open, pocket £78,000 and register the sixteenth title of his career. More important, with Wimbledon only one week away, it was the first time since February that he has managed to string more than two victories together.

"I phoned my girlfriend and told her we have a nice pay check this week," Kafelnikov said. He has been calling Mascha a lot this week. During his semi-final against Thomas Johansson, he phoned in the middle of the match while his opponent was receiving treatment for an injury, which raised questions about the rules of the game and about the level of his concentration. Yesterday, he was more concerned with the quality of his own play than whether his girlfriend was watching on television.

Larsson was not the same opponent he had been all week. Coming through the draw without dropping a set, he had looked at home on grass, but when it came to the final he looked out-of-sorts. He dropped his normally impressive service in the opening game and, even though he broke straight back, it was as much to do with Kafelnikov's failings as his own talents.

With Kafelnikov's returns taking the sting out of the Larsson service, the tall Swede

was unsure what to do next. "Every time I served it came right to his racket," he said. "I had been serving so well all week that today I got confused. Even when I broke back I was still confused."

The confusion returned in the fifth game, when Kafelnikov broke again and won the first set. Larsson could do nothing right as Kafelnikov raced to a 5-1 lead in the second set but, serving for the match at 5-2, the defending champion's mind started to wander. He lost his service to love, thanks in part to two double faults, and, in the same position two games later, he was 30-0 down. All week Kafelnikov has been complaining that his millions in the bank have made him less motivated, but he found the inspiration to get his mind back in order and finish off the match. Maybe it had something to do with the fact that he owes Andrei Medvedev £2,500 in lost bets on the local golf course.

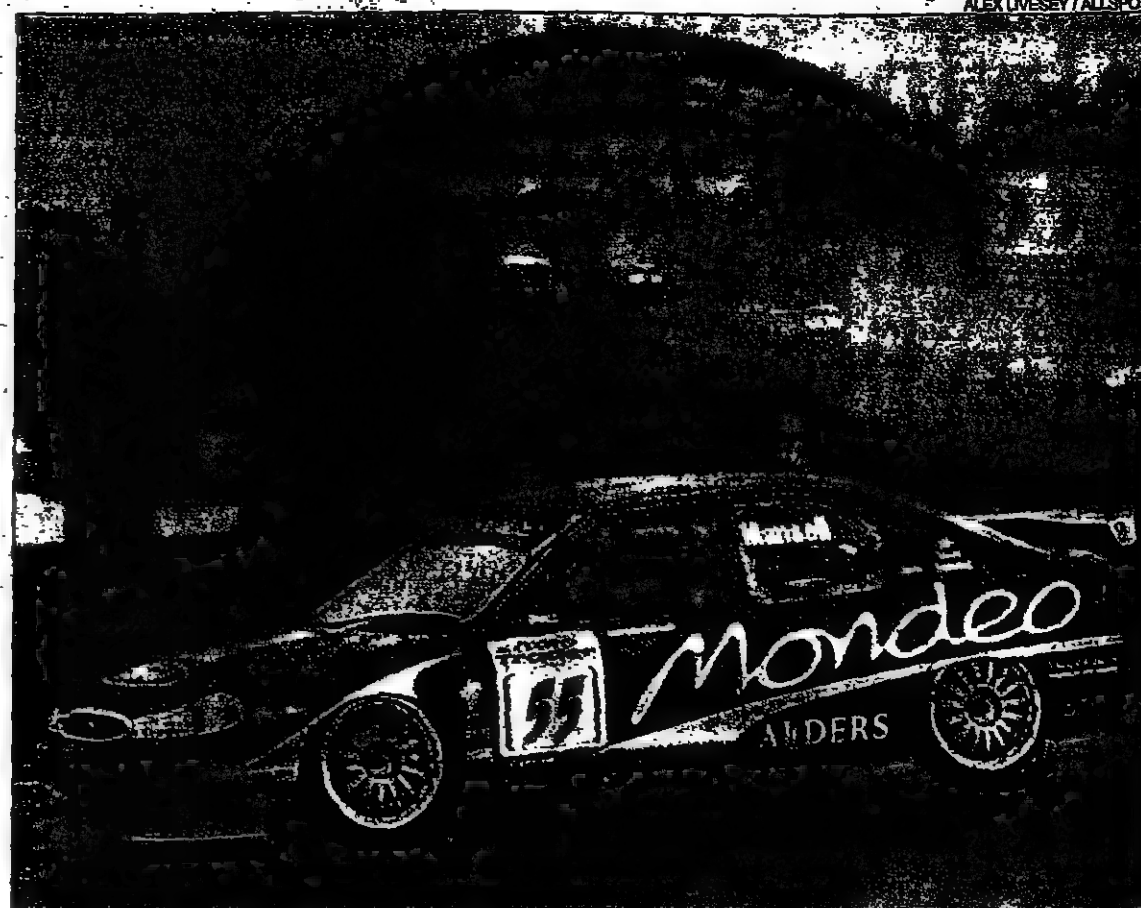
"I could wish for nothing better before Wimbledon," he said. "I have won five matches and I haven't done that for a long time. I'm glad my body could take it. I was enjoying myself, feeling loose, my confidence is coming back. Now I feel ready to go back on the court again."

Julian Alonso, of Spain, put a dismal run of six first-round defeats behind him yesterday when he beat Karim Alami, of Morocco, to take the day-court title in Bologna. The 20-year-old routed Alami 6-1, 6-4 in less than an hour to claim the second ATP Tour title of his career.

Kevin Eason sees a past champion confound critics



Mansell, driving a Ford Mondeo at Donington yesterday, walks to the medical centre after crashing into a tyre wall during the sprint race



Mansell offers reminders of former glories

YOU could not write a script that could cope with a character as large as Nigel Mansell. An embarrassing crash in his debut race in the Autotrader RAC British touring car championship yesterday was followed by one of those swashbuckling displays that used to keep Formula One supporters on the edge of their seats.

After starting nineteenth on the grid, Mansell actually led for eight laps before eventually crossing the line in fourth place after an exhibition that astonished his new rivals.

Mansell was the centre of attention at the Donington Park circuit, where he was making his first appearance on the track for three years. As comebacks go, it seemed that it would be short, sharp and painful. A £25 bet that the 1992 Formula One world champion would not even finish was circulating among the drivers in the paddock long before the start of the first race, an 18-lap sprint.

It was the safest money of the day for, on only his fourth lap, Mansell, going at 100mph, locked the wheels of his Ford Mondeo going into the right-hander at Coppice and ploughed into the tyre wall. Winded and confused, Mansell clambered out of his battered car to be taken to the medical centre, probably imagining his critics giggling behind their hands at such a melodramatic exit.

Mansell proved to be undamaged,

which was more than could be said for his Mondeo. Mechanics, who worked on it for two hours to patch it up for the second round of the day, had to replace most of the front bodywork and some engine parts.

It was hardly surprising that Mansell would be caught out. The transition from Formula One to front-wheel drive saloon cars was never going to be easy after such a long lay-off, especially in a series where drivers are not known for taking prisoners. Mansell had lined up for the sprint third on the grid against the man acknowledged as the "bruiser" of the division, John Cleland. Sure enough, Mansell was under the cash

from the start. His car stood still for what seemed an eternity as his front wheels scrambled for traction, which allowed Cleland to shove his scarlet and white Vauxhall Vectra ahead, giving the Mondeo a hefty nudge on the way past.

"I had a feeling what was coming so I kept well to the right," said Mansell. "But a certain red car pushed me on to the grass and I lost even more traction."

From third he dropped to eighth, consigned to a pack enveloped in a cloud of spray that started from the leading Nissan Primera of Anthony Reid, who went on to notch up his first victory. The spray and the tyre

wall was as much as Mansell saw of the race until he tottered, slightly dazed, into the Ford motorhome to watch television replays.

So that had taught Nigel not to mix it with the old hands of touring cars ... or so we thought. He surely had no chance of a podium place now, starting third last on the grid for the second feature race.

For a while, he trailed around in the final group of three but, on lap 17, torrential rain saw cars on slick tyres careering from grass to gravel. With broken cars littering the circuit, the safety car came out, allowing the field to bunch behind Reid and his Nissan team-mate, David Leslie. As the field unwound Mansell, almost unbelievably, turned up in fifth place. With Leslie off for a tyre-change, Mansell carved through to second, Reid obliged by sliding off and Mansell, remarkably, was leading.

For eight laps, this was the old Mansell in action, withstanding the charge of Cleland, Leslie and Warwick until his inferior Mondeo could help him no more and his slipped back to fourth on the line, victory going to Cleland.

Even at the end, there was controversy. Mansell being called before the stewards for overtaking the Audi of Yvan Muller while the safety car was out. As a result, he was demoted to fifth, though the decision did little to tarnish his day.

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CHANGING TIMES

Coach ready to make wholesale changes for meeting with All Blacks after windswept defeat

Improving England blown off course

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FROM DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT
IN HAMILTON

IF CLIVE WOODWARD, the England coach, could describe the loss of 76 points to Australia as a freak result, then he should beware of drawing too much comfort from the match at Rugby Park here on Saturday, when the rain lashed down, the wind blew and mistakes were ten a penny.

There have not been many days like this in recent English winters and Graham Henry, the New Zealand A coach, wisely suspended judgment on England "until I have seen them on a dry track" - that is to say, until he could see normal playing skills in normal conditions, rather than individuals playing with heart and fire but with every excuse for a high error count.

The England touring party can derive considerable solace from the improvements that they have made since they have been in New Zealand, though that also emphasises some of the curious selections made against Australia. This was a well-balanced New Zealand second string (the All Blacks, like England, are missing a dozen or more players through injury) and England stood toe to toe with them, considerably enhancing their fragile morale.

However, the absence of control was cruelly exposed after the interval, when New Zealand introduced Jon Preston at scrum half. He and Lee Stensness, who unveiled unsuspected kicking skills, used the wind to pin England in their own half for nearly all the second half. Only once did England look likely to gain a hold in the opposing 22 and Josh Lewsey failed to find touch with a penalty, one of many lessons for the young fly half.

The match suggested that Woodward could change at least half the XV that started in Brisbane for the first meeting with the All Blacks in Dunedin on Saturday. He will look at those members of the party who have yet to play when England travel to Invercargill tomorrow to meet a New Zealand Academy XV, but such individuals as Phil Greening, Nick Beal and Steve Ojomoh have put down markers.

The Gloucester connection emerged powerfully from Hamilton but

none more than Greening, who endured so dismal a domestic season. The hooker lost nothing in comparison to his experienced opposite number, Norman Hewitt, as ball-carrier, tackler or thrower-in, and all of Kingsholm will have enjoyed the sight of a trademark close-range lineout: Dave Sims the catcher and Rob Fidler driven over by his colleagues for the first try of the tour.

"He could be world-class if he got himself in better physical condition," Woodward said of Greening. "In terms of raw ability he's outstanding. He's right up there as

an international-class hooker, but if he wants to get into the World Cup squad he has to get himself in shape." Since that is Greening's self-confessed ambition, next season will clearly be a big one for him.

There could even be a first cap for one of the Gloucester locks, because Woodward is frank in his disappointment at the lack of impact made in Brisbane by Garath Archer and Danny Grewcock, but Ojomoh seems likely to create the greater selection problem at No.8. Tony Diprose captained England nine days ago but the bustling power and sure hands of Ojomoh carried him farther over the gain-line than

Diprose managed. With Ben Clarke forcing his way into the frame, Woodward is confident that he can field a competitive pack in Dunedin.

What will happen behind the pack is a different story. Lewsey is nowhere near the standard required of an international fly half, though given his lack of experience at senior level in the position that is hardly surprising. Beal both shored up the midfield and contrived to find space, no mean achievement on such a day, and looks certain to win a third cap in a third different position, having won his first at full back and his second on the wing.

The experiment of playing Tom

Beim at full back was hardly a success. His ability to come forward was limited by the slippery surface, his judgment in defence questionable and he deserves a game in the more familiar position on the left wing. Matt Perry will surely return to full back for the international.

Jonah Lomu contributed significantly to New Zealand A's opening try, twice preoccupying defenders to create space for the overhead pass by Andrew Blowers that sent the promising Caleb Ralph over, but a question mark hangs over his fitness and the All Blacks management may leave a decision over him and Joel Vidiri until Wednesday.

SCORERS: New Zealand A: Tries: Ralph (25m), Stensness (43). Conversion: Castmore. Penalty goals: Castmore 5 (7, 67). England XV: Try: Fidler (20). Conversion: Lewsey. Penalty goal: Lewsey (9).

SCORING SEQUENCE (New Zealand A first: 3-0, 5-3, 8-10 (half-time), 15-10, 18-10.

NEW ZEALAND A: A. Castmore (Auckland), G. Osbourne (North Harbour), C. Ralph (Auckland), J. O'Halloran (Wellington), J. Lomu (Counties), rep: T. Umaga (Wellington, 58), L. Stensness (Auckland), R. Duggan (Waikato, rep: J. Preston, Wellington, 40), K. Nepeia (Canterbury), N. Hewitt (Southland, captain), K. Meuwers (Chagel), B. Larsen (Northland), N. Maxwell (Canterbury, rep: R. Wallis, Waikato, 40), rep: G. Slater, Taranaki, 87), A. Blowers (Auckland), S. Robertson (Canterbury), A. Rush (Auckland). ENGLAND XV: T. Beim (Sale), M. Moore (Sale), N. Diprose (Northampton), J. Blaxland (Sale), D. Chapman (Richmond), J. Lewsey (Gloucester), M. Dawson (Northampton, captain), A. Windo (Gloucester), P. Greening (Gloucester), W. Green (Wessex, rep: D. Crompton, Richmond, 58), R. Fidler (Gloucester), D. Sims (Gloucester), B. Clarke (Richmond), P. Sanderson (Sale), S. Ojomoh (Gloucester). Referee: P. O'Brien (Southland).

Woodward laments new age of the big spenders

FROM DAVID HANDS

CLIVE WOODWARD'S pessimism over the structure of English rugby has been fuelled by the presence in New Zealand of leading club officials on the lookout for southern-hemisphere talent. The England coach believes that the legacy handed down to his successor will make success in the 2003 World Cup even more difficult.

"The players I will have in next year's World Cup will be largely the product of the old system," Woodward said yesterday. "But whoever inherits the situation will struggle. I have no doubt. How can the whole world seem to understand what is going on, except those in England?"

Woodward's hackles, already raised by elements of the Mayfair Agreement between the Rugby Football Union and the leading clubs that he believes will hinder him in his coaching role, have been stiffened by the appearance of Zinzan Brooke and Nigel Melville, brawling for talent on behalf of Harlequins and Wasps respectively.

There has also been criticism by David Moffett, the New Zealand Rugby Football Union chief executive, of English clubs that would rather buy in talent than produce it themselves.

Meanwhile, one home-grown product, Ben Surnham, 24, has moved from Saracens to Bath. The flanker, who made his international debut against Australia nine days ago, has shot up the rankings during the past eight months, aided by the absence of Richard Hill, who is injured.

The three-year contract that he has agreed with Bath takes him away from the club he joined at 18. "I want to play first-team rugby in the Premiership to keep my place in the England squad," he said.

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Law Report June 15 1998 Court of Appeal

Legal profession deserves no special treatment in anonymity plea

Regina v Legal Aid Board, Ex parte Kaim Todner (a firm)
Before Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Auld and Lord Justice Buxton
[Judgment June 10]

There was no justification for singling out the legal profession for special treatment when considering whether to grant an application for anonymity by a party to legal proceedings.

Further, a party could not be allowed to achieve anonymity by insisting upon it as a condition for being involved in the proceedings irrespective of whether the demand was reasonable.

The Court of Appeal held in a reserved judgment dismissing an appeal by the applicant firm of solicitors, Kaim Todner, against the decision of Mr Justice Kay in the Queen's Bench Division on June 25, 1997 to refuse to grant them anonymity in their proceedings for judicial review of the Legal Aid Board's termination of the legal aid franchise at their Barnsbury Road, Islington branch. The court also refused to order that the solicitors should remain anonymous in relation to the appeal whatever its outcome.

Mr Edmund Lawson, QC and Miss Christina Russell for the solicitors; Miss Presley Baxendale, QC and Miss Jane Mulcahy for the Legal Aid Board; Mr John McGuinness for the Law Society.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS, giving the judgment of the court, said that the point of principle raised was as to when it was appropriate to grant anonymity to a party who had initiated proceedings.

The solicitors contended that the termination of their franchise by the Legal Aid Board was wrongful

and unfair. In addition to seeking leave to apply for judicial review, which they had obtained, the solicitors had made an application (i) for anonymity; (ii) that they should be allowed to keep their identity secret and (iii) that the court should make an order under section 11 of the Contempt of Court Act 1981 forbidding its disclosure.

The ground for claiming anonymity was that the action of the board was not justified but if the reasons on which the board relied for cancelling their franchise were to be made public, that was likely to cause the solicitors incalculable damage. The solicitors claimed that if an application for judicial review was unsuccessful, any order made should cease to have effect.

The solicitors had made a separate application in the Court of Appeal for a direction that, irrespective of the outcome of the appeal, in relation to the appeal the solicitors should retain their anonymity.

An additional reason for that further application was that they feared that the judgment in the present case could become a leading authority and as a result permanently associate them with the alleged impropriety which had given rise to the proceedings.

Put colloquially, they submitted that they did not want to become the *Ronde v Worley* (1994) 1 AC 1011 in that field. They indicated that unless the court granted such a direction before hearing the argument on the appeal, they would withdraw the appeal or consent to its dismissal.

The court decided that that application should be refused and indicated that it would not give its consent for the appeal to be withdrawn and would in any event give a judgment. In those circumstances the solicitors decided to continue their appeal.

The solicitors contended that there were two ways of looking at the present case. There was a narrow approach which involved asking whether they should in respect of the particular judicial review application be granted anonymity and there was a broad approach which involved considering whether there was some special principle which applied to solicitors which entitled them to be granted anonymity when anonymity would not be granted to any other professional.

The solicitors accepted that there was a general presumption in favour of open justice and that ordinarily a litigant's name would be published. However, the courts had jurisdiction to grant anonymity when it was appropriate to do so.

Support for that was to be found in Order 106, rule 12 of the Rules of the Supreme Court which dealt with proceedings relating to solicitors under the Solicitors Act 1974.

The solicitors submitted that the situation in the present case was closely analogous to a disciplinary appeal by a solicitor to the courts. As in such appeals there was an established practice for solicitors to be granted anonymity, so here anonymity should be given. They also relied upon the practice of confidentiality on barristers' anonymity on applications for wasted costs orders.

The Law Society also stressed the special position of solicitors. It submitted that, while allegations of dishonesty or professional impropriety against any professional person were likely to be highly damaging, in the case of solicitors that was more serious because the relationship between solicitor and client was unique.

That was because solicitors were entrusted with clients' money, the nature of their professional privilege, the duty they owed to the

court and the additional duties they owed if their clients were legally aided.

The judge had stated that it was inherently wrong if there was any difference in practice between solicitors and barristers on the one hand and other professional people on the other. He had concluded that there was no good basis for permitting anonymity in the present case.

For the following reasons the court considered that that decision was correct. 1 There could be no justification for singling out the legal profession for special treatment. The inference that they should be singled out should not be drawn from Order 106, rule 12.

The order certainly presupposed that solicitors in disciplinary proceedings in the High Court should not be identified in the title to the proceedings. However, that was probably a remnant from earlier times when the disciplinary proceedings were themselves in private which was no longer the position.

The situation in relation to other professions, for example, doctors, was not analogous to that of solicitors. In that general they were not granted any anonymity.

In the court's view, the Rules of the Supreme Court should now be amended to bring the position of solicitors in line with that general principle.

2 The present case was not one of the four specific situations identified in section 12 of the Administration of Justice Act 1960, any protection against identification of a party had to depend upon some exception to the general principle that all proceedings should be conducted in public.

As *Scott v Scott* (1913) AC 417 and *Attorney-General v Leveller Magazine Ltd* (1979) AC 440 made clear, an exception could

only be justified if it was necessary in the interests of the proper administration of justice.

3 There were an immense variety of situations in which it was appropriate to restrict the general rule. Those situations depended very much on their individual circumstances. So if a judge adopted the correct approach in determining any particular application, the Court of Appeal would not interfere.

4 The fact that the outcome usually depended upon the assessment of the judge of the particular circumstances of a case explained why no consistent pattern could be identified by examining the cases where courts had made or declined to make an exception to the general rule.

Furthermore, in many of the cases the question would have been resolved in a summary manner, there being no objection from the other party to anonymity. Sometimes the importance of making an order, even where both sides agreed that an inroad should be made on the general rule, if the case was not one where the interests of justice required an exception, had been overlooked.

As Sir Christopher Staughton stated in *Ex parte P* (The Times March 31, 1998): "When both sides agreed that information should be kept from the public that was when the court had to be most vigilant." The need to be vigilant arose from the natural tendency for the general principle to be eroded and for exceptions to grow by accretion as the exceptions were applied by analogy to existing cases.

That was the reason it was so important not to forget why proceedings were required to be subjected to the full glare of a public hearing. It was necessary because the public nature of proceedings deterred inappropriate behaviour on the part of the

court. It also maintained the public's confidence in the administration of justice. It enabled the public to know that justice was being administered impartially.

It could result in evidence becoming available which would not become available if the proceedings were conducted behind closed doors or with one or more of the parties or witnesses' identity concealed. It made un-informed and inaccurate comment about the proceedings less likely.

If secrecy was restricted to those situations where justice would be frustrated if the cloak of anonymity was not provided, that reduced the risk of the sanction of contempt having to be invoked, with the expense and the interference with the administration of justice which that could involve.

5 Any interference with the public nature of court proceedings was to be avoided unless justice required it.

6 In deciding whether to accede to an application for protection from disclosure of the proceedings, it was appropriate to take into account the extent of the interference with the general rule which was involved.

If the interference was for a limited period that was less objectionable than a restriction on disclosure which was permanent. If the restriction related only to the identity of a witness or a party that was less objectionable than a restriction which involved proceedings being conducted in whole or in part behind closed doors.

7 The nature of the proceedings was also relevant. If the application related to an interlocutory application that was a less significant intrusion into the general rule than interfering with the public nature of the trial.

Interlocutory hearings were normally of no interest to anyone

other than the parties. The position could be the same in the case of financial and other family disputes.

If proceedings were *ex parte* and involved serious allegations being made against another party who had no notice of those allegations, the interests of justice might require non-disclosure until such a time as a party against whom the allegations were made could be heard.

8 A distinction could also be made depending on whether what was being sought was anonymity for a plaintiff, a defendant or a third party. It was not unreasonable to regard the person who initiated the proceedings as having accepted the normal incidence of the public nature of court proceedings.

If you were a defendant you might have an interest equal to that of the plaintiff in the outcome of the proceedings but you had not chosen to initiate court proceedings which were normally conducted in public.

A witness who had no interest in the proceedings had the strongest claim to be protected by the court if he or she would be prejudiced by publicity, since the courts and parties might depend on their cooperation.

In general, however, parties and witnesses had to accept the embarrassment and damage to their reputation and the possible consequential loss which could be inherent in being involved in litigation.

The protection to which they were entitled was normally provided by a judgment delivered in public which would refute unfounded allegations. Any other approach would result in wholly unacceptable inroads on the general rule.

9 There could, however, be situations where a party or witness

could reasonably require protection. Outside the well established cases where anonymity was provided, the reasonableness of the claim for protection was important.

Although the foundation of the exception was the need to avoid frustrating the ability of the courts to do justice, a party could not be allowed to achieve anonymity by insisting upon it as a condition for being involved in the proceedings irrespective of whether the demand was reasonable. There had to be some objective foundation for the claim which was being made.

That last point was particularly relevant to the solicitors' claim for anonymity in the Court of Appeal. It was not a reasonable basis for seeking anonymity that you did not want to be associated with a decision of a court.

Nor was it right to seek to preempt the decision of the court by saying in effect: "We will not cooperate with the court unless the court binds itself to grant us anonymity." The solicitors had secured anonymity until the end of the appeal and they could not reasonably ask for more.

It also could not be reasonable for the legal profession to seek preferential treatment over other litigants.

If the solicitors had not raised the issue of anonymity it was not likely that their proceedings would have resulted in any publicity, at least until the substantive hearing. If publicity did result from the substantive hearing then that publicity, so far as it was unfair, would be mitigated within a short time scale by the judgment of the court.

The judge had been right not to grant the application and the appeal would be dismissed.

Solicitors: Kingsley Napley; Mr Roger Hamilton; Ms Diane Burleigh.

Solicitor's undertaking to lender is not warranty of title

Barclays Bank plc v Weeks Legg & Dean (a firm)
Same v Layton Lougher & Co (a firm)
Same v N. E. Hopkin John & Co (a firm)

Before Lord Justice Millett, Lord Justice Pill and Lord Justice May
[Judgment May 21]

The function of a standard form of undertaking given on the completion of contracts for the purchase of land by a purchaser's solicitor to a bank lending money to the purchaser to buy the property, was to prescribe the terms on which the solicitor received the money remitted by the bank. It was not a warranty of title. The only obligation undertaken by the solicitor was not to part with the money except in the circumstances prescribed.

In undertaking that the money would be applied "solely for acquiring a good marketable title to the property" the solicitor did not guarantee that the title was freehold and free from encumbrances but assured the bank of a title which, in the event of a sale, a reluctant purchaser could be obliged to accept.

The solicitor's obligation was not absolute but qualified, undertaking to ensure that the title was what a reasonably competent

solicitor acting with proper skill and care would accept rather than what was in fact a good marketable title.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment on three conjoined appeals, in each of which Barclays Bank plc brought an action against defendant solicitors, respectively, *Weeks Legg & Dean*, *Layton Lougher & Co* and *N. E. Hopkin John & Co*, for damages for breach of the undertaking when in each case the title proved to be inadequate security for the bank.

The first and third actions, dismissed by the trial judges, were dismissed on appeal. The second appeal, against judgment for the plaintiffs on two grounds, was allowed in part. Leave to appeal to the House of Lords was refused.

Mr Simon Berry, QC and Mr Jonathan Nash for the bank; Mr Mark Haggard, QC and Mr J. R. McManus for *Weeks Legg & Dean*.

Mr Simon Berry, QC and Mr Nigel Jones for the bank; Mr Mark Haggard, QC and Mr Peter Cranfield for *Layton Lougher & Co*.

Mr Simon Berry, QC and Mr Michael Sullivan for the bank; Mr Mark Haggard, QC and Mr David Halpern for *N. E. Hopkin John & Co*.

LORD JUSTICE MILLETT said that the undertaking was in a standard form agreed between the Law Society and the banks. It was a contractual undertaking which sounded in damages.

The money remitted by the bank was trust money belonging in equity to the bank but which the solicitor was authorised to disburse only in accordance with the undertaking.

In contracts for the sale of land there were two separate questions: what had the vendor agreed to sell and had the vendor sufficiently deduced title to what he had agreed to sell?

A title which, although technically defective, a purchaser was bound to accept was "a good marketable title".

That expression described the quality of the evidence the purchaser was bound to accept as sufficient to discharge the vendor's obligation in relation to title. It said nothing about the nature or extent of the property contracted to be sold to which title had to be deduced.

The description of the property was included in the undertaking not for the bank to ascertain the nature and extent of the property which its customer was acquiring. The property was described to enable the parties to identify the

transaction to which the undertaking related.

It would be most unwise for the solicitor to set out the full particulars of the property in the undertaking for if there should be any discrepancy between the terms of the contract for sale and the undertaking it would be impossible for the transaction to be completed.

It was to be construed as an undertaking not to part with the money except for a good marketable title to the property which was the subject matter of the transaction briefly described in the document.

The bank needed an assurance that in return for its money it would obtain the security it needed. The value of the security depended on the nature and extent of the property acquired and the value of the property, both of which were in the bank's own control.

It needed to realise its security by sale if necessary. That was not within its control.

The bank needed an assurance that it would obtain a good marketable title to the property. That assurance was provided by the undertaking.

The next question was whether the obligation the solicitors as-

sumed by giving the undertaking was absolute or qualified, that is, whether they undertook to be liable if they parted with the money without in fact obtaining a good marketable title even through no fault of their own, or whether they undertook to be liable only if such failure was the result of their own default.

What did the solicitors undertake to exchange for the bank's money? What a reasonably competent solicitor acting with proper skill and care would accept as a marketable title.

The undertaking ought to be construed as subjecting the solicitor to qualified obligations only. That brought his obligations under the undertaking into conformity with his obligations to his own client and the trust obligations to the bank, and a liability which no solicitor could be properly advised to accept.

Lord Justice Pill delivered a concurring judgment and Lord Justice May agreed.

Solicitors: Lovell White Durrant; Blake Laphorn, Parnham, Everaards, Cardiff; Warringtons Willey Hargrave, Bristol. Everaards, Cardiff; Morgan Bruce, Cardiff.

Agent entitled to compensation as well as damages

Duffen v FRA BO SpA
Before Lord Justice Otton and Lord Justice Chadwick
[Judgment April 30]

It was open to a commercial agent to claim not only common law damages but also compensation, by way of augmentation rather than duplication, under regulation 17(6) of the Commercial Agents (Council Directive) Regulations (SI 1993 No 3053) following termination of an agency contract.

The Court of Appeal so stated when allowing in part the appeal of FRA BO SpA against a decision of Mr Justice Popplewell on November 13, 1997 allowing in part an appeal from Master Trench.

The master had awarded Mr Paul Duffen a sum for unpaid commission but deemed a clause in the agency agreement between the parties for liquidated damages to be penal and unenforceable. Mr Justice Popplewell had held that the clause was not penal and awarded £100,000.

Clause 7.2 of the agency agreement provided: "Upon termination of this agreement by the agent... the principal shall immediately become liable to the agent for and shall pay to the agent forthwith the

sum of £100,000 by way of liquidated damages which sum is agreed by the parties to be a reasonable pre-estimate of the loss and damage which the agent will suffer on termination of this agreement."

Mr Nicholas Yell for the company; Mr Martin Gibson for Mr Duffen.

LORD JUSTICE OTTON said that the law was well established on contractual penalty/liquidated damages clauses in *Dunlop Pneumatic Tyre Company Ltd v New Garage and Motor Company Ltd* (1915) AC 413 as affirmed by the Privy Council in *White Carter (Councils) Ltd v McGregor* (1962) AC 413 and *Attorney-General v Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation Ltd* (1993) 61 B.L.R. 49.

His Lordship, applying those authorities, concluded that the clause could not be a genuine attempt to estimate in advance the loss which the agent would suffer from a breach of the principal's obligations under the agreement.

The sum payable was not graduated. £100,000 was payable irrespective of the unexpired duration of the term. It would still be payable if termination occurred in the last month of the contract's

life. The plaintiff could thus recover a substantial windfall. That would be both "extravagant and unconscionable".

The sum payable did not necessarily reflect any reasonable relationship to the loss that the plaintiff would sustain as a result of termination.

The agreement could be terminated for trivial reasons, for example, if the repayment of the monthly retainer was a day late. What constituted a full explanation from the principal was a vague concept which would almost inevitably lead to controversy between the parties.

As Mr Duffen could not rely on clause 7.2 it must follow that he was entitled to the benefit of the 1993 Regulations. Mr Duffen did not seek to aggregate compensation under those regulations with his common law entitlement. He merely sought to rely on the regulations to augment, if necessary his common law entitlement. In principle he was entitled to do so.

Lord Justice Chadwick agreed. Solicitors: Nicholas Drucker & Co; Taylor Joynson Garrett.

Human Rights Law Report

Non-disclosure of medical and radiation records did not breach Convention

McGinley and Egan v United Kingdom
(Case No 10/1997/794/995-996)

Before R. Bernhardt, President and Judges J. De Meyer, N. Valticos, R. Pekkanen, J. M. Morenilla, Sir John Freeland, A. B. Baksa, G. Mifsud Bonnici and V. Butkevich

Registrar H. Petzold

Deputy Registrar P. J. Mahoney

[Judgment June 9]

The European Court of Human Rights held, by six votes to three, that the non-disclosure of portions of the military medical records of the applicants as well as the records of radiation levels on Christmas Island following nuclear tests did not amount to a denial of effective access to a court in violation of article 6 of the European Convention of Human Rights.

Furthermore, the Court held, by five votes to four, that the non-disclosure of the documents in question did not amount to a violation of their rights to respect for their private and family lives as guaranteed under article 8 of the Convention.

Article 6 provides: "1 In the determination of his civil rights and obligations... everyone is entitled to a fair... hearing."

Article 8 provides: "1 Everyone has the right to respect for his private and family life, his home and his correspondence."

"2 There shall be no interference by a public authority with the exercise of this right except such as is in accordance with the law and is necessary in a democratic society in the interests of national security, public safety or the economic well-being of the country, for the prevention of disorder or crime, for the protection of health or morals, or for the protection of the rights and freedoms of others."

The applicants, Kenneth McGinley and Edward Egan, both British nationals, were born in 1938 and 1939 respectively. Mr McGinley lived in Paisley and Mr Egan in Glasgow.

Between November 1957 and September 1958 the United Kingdom carried out six atmospheric tests of nuclear weapons at Christmas Island in the Pacific Ocean. During that period, Mr McGinley was serving in the Army on the island and Mr Egan, who was in the Navy, was stationed on a ship in its vicinity.

During those tests, military personnel were ordered to line up

in the open and to face away from the explosions with their eyes closed and covered until 20 seconds after the blast. The applicants alleged that the purpose of that procedure was deliberately to expose servicemen to radiation for experimental purposes.

The Government denied that and stated that personnel were sufficiently far from the centre of the detonation to avoid being exposed to radiation at any harmful level and that the purpose of the line-up procedure was to ensure that they avoided eye damage and other physical injury caused by material blown about by the blast.

No record existed of the degree of exposure to radiation, if any, of servicemen who were exposed to nuclear film badges, which turned black if exposed to radiation, were issued only to the approximately 1,000 predominantly non-service personnel on Christmas Island who were working in identified, controlled and active areas.

The applicants suffered health problems which they attributed to exposure to ionising radiation caused by the nuclear explosions. They both lodged claims for war pensions which were rejected by the Department of Social Security, on the basis of statements by the Ministry of Defence that neither of the applicants had been serving in areas where they would have been exposed to dangerous levels of radiation.

Although each applicant claimed to have been treated for health problems developed immediately after the test explosions, the ministry stated that it was unable to trace any medical records relating to that.

Their subsequent appeals to the Pensions Appeals Tribunal were likewise dismissed.

Documents containing the original contemporaneous recordings of environmental radiation levels in the vicinity of Christmas Island following the tests were stored at the Atomic Weapons Research Establishment at Aldermaston.

Although those documents were not available to the public, they were not classified and, according to the Government, could have been produced if required for the purposes of proceedings before the Pensions Appeals Tribunal.

Mr McGinley's application to the European Commission of Human Rights was lodged on April 20, 1993 and Mr Egan's on December 31, 1993. Both were declared partly admissible on November 28, 1995.

Having attempted unsuccessful-

ly to secure a friendly settlement, the Commission adopted a report on November 26, 1996 in which it established the facts and expressed the opinions that there had been a violation of article 6.1 of the Convention (unanimously); that it was not necessary to consider the complaint under article 13 (unanimously); and that there had been a violation of article 8 (23 votes to 3).

It referred the case to the Court on January 22, 1997.

In its judgment the European Court of Human Rights held:

I Scope of the case before the Court

The applicants complained, inter alia, that their article 6.1 rights to a fair hearing before the Pensions Appeals Tribunal and their article 8 rights to respect for their family and private lives had been violated by the withholding by the State of documents which would have assisted them in ascertaining whether there was any link between their health problems and exposure to radiation. They also complained that they had been denied an effective remedy in relation to these complaints, in breach of article 13.

The Court held that it did not have jurisdiction to consider the applicants' additional complaints concerning the lack of monitoring on Christmas Island of the extent of their individual exposure to radiation, since those complaints had not been raised before the Commission and, in any case, concerned events which took place before the United Kingdom's recognition of the competence of the Strasbourg organs in 1966.

II Government's preliminary objections

The Government submitted that the complaints under articles 6.1 and 8 should have been declared inadmissible for non-exhaustion of domestic remedies, since neither of the applicants had attempted to make use of the procedure under rule 6 of the Pensions Appeals Tribunal (Scotland) Rules 1981, which would have allowed them to apply to the President of the Pensions Appeals Tribunal for an order requiring disclosure of any relevant document held by a government department.

The Court considered that this objection was so closely linked to the substance of the applicants' complaints that it should be joined to the merits.

III Alleged violation of article 6.1

The Court held that, had it been the case that the respondent Government had, without good cause,

prevented the applicants from gaining access to, or falsely denied the existence of, documents in its possession which would have assisted them in establishing before the Pensions Appeals Tribunal that they had been exposed to dangerous levels of radiation, that would have been to deny them a fair hearing in breach of article 6.1.

The Court did not find it established that there were any such records in existence. Moreover, it observed that it would have been open to the applicants to apply for the disclosure of any relevant document under rule 6 of the 1981 Rules. In those circumstances, where a procedure had been provided for the disclosure of documents which the applicants failed to utilise, it could not be said that they had been denied a fair

hearing before the appeal tribunal. It followed that there had been no violation of article 6.1.

Given that conclusion, the Court held, Judges De Meyer, Valticos and Morenilla dissenting, that it was not necessary to rule on the Government's preliminary objection.

IV Alleged violation of article 8

1 Applicability

Since each of the applicants had been serving on, or in the vicinity of, Christmas Island at the time of the nuclear tests, and, in the absence of any individual monitoring, had been left to doubt as to whether or not they had been exposed to dangerous levels of radiation, the Court considered that the question of access to documents which could either have allayed their fears in that

respect or allowed them to assess the danger to which they had been exposed, was sufficiently closely linked to their private and family lives as to raise an issue under article 8.

2 Compliance

The Court considered that the United Kingdom could not be said to have interfered with the applicants' right to respect for their private or family lives. The instant complaint did not concern an act by the State, but instead its alleged failure to allow the applicants access to information.

Although the object of article 8 was essentially that of protecting the individual against arbitrary interference by the public authorities, it did not merely compel the State to abstain from such interference.

In or about 1970 the applicant was diagnosed with leukaemia, which she attributed to her father's presence on Christmas Island. She received chemotherapy treatment which lasted until she was ten years old and was afraid to have children in case she inherited a genetic disposition to the disease.

The application to the European Commission of Human Rights, which was lodged on April 21, 1993, was declared partly admissible on November 28, 1995.

Having attempted unsuccessfully to secure a friendly settlement, the Commission adopted a report on November 26, 1996 in which it established the facts and expressed the unanimous opinion that there had been no violations of articles 2 and 3 of the Convention. It referred the case to the Court on January 22, 1997.

In its judgment, the European Court of Human Rights held:

The applicant complained that both the State's failure to warn her parents of the possible risk to her health caused by her father's participation in the nuclear tests, and its earlier failure to monitor her father's radiation dose levels, amounted to violations of articles 2 and 3 of the Convention, and that its failure to monitor her father's dose levels and its withholding of certain documents gave rise to violations of articles 6 and 13.

1 Alleged violation of article 2

The Court held that it had no jurisdiction to examine

Carlson sues Fatah and colleagues over sale of Inspirations

By Dominic Walsh

VIC FATAH, the former chief executive of Inspirations, is being sued by Carlson, the US hospitality group that acquired the ailing tour operator last summer.

Carlson, through its Carlson Leisure Group (UK) subsidiary, has issued a writ against Mr Fatah, along with seven other executives, claiming that it was not given a true financial picture during due diligence before the deal. It accuses the men of making "fraudulent and negligent mis-statement and misrepresentation" in relation to the £42 million deal in September 1997.

The US group is seeking unspecified damages against the eight men, who include Paul Jackson, the former finance director of Inspirations, and James Richard Harris, former chairman. Mr Fatah, who lives in the US, is being sued under his full name. Before John Paul Fatah

Even though Inspirations was loss-making at the time of the acquisition, Carlson hoped to use the deal as the springboard to rapid expansion in the UK, where it already operated more than 400 shops under the AT Mays brand. The board made almost £10 million from the deal, and industry sources believe that this is the amount that Carlson is seeking to recoup. Earlier this year there were unconfirmed rumours that Inspirations had quietly put Inspirations up for sale again.

Inspirations expanded rapidly after its flotation in 1993 to become the UK's fifth-largest tour operator. However, its image was tarnished in 1996 when holidaymakers suffered a summer of delays after

Vic Fatah was chief executive when Inspirations was sold

British Airways, which held a 5.5 per cent stake in Inspirations, failed to deliver aircraft on time. The cost of the delays was estimated at £17 million although BA was forced to pay the company £6 million in compensation.

Fatah to the offices of Zuno Travel in Washington State for comment. However, Mr. Fatah said: "No comment. Goodbye." He then put the phone down. He then instructed his secretary not to give out any details of Zuno Travel and to block all further calls.

Murdoch calls for German TV 'openness'

FROM ROGER BOYES
IN BONN

RUPERT MURDOCH, chairman of The News Corporation, yesterday called on Germany to open up its television market to foreign investors following the collapse of the planned merger between Kirch and the huge Bertelsmann Media Group.

Mr Murdoch was speaking at a media conference in Cologne against a background of widespread speculation within the media industry about News Corp's expansion within the German television market. At present News Corp, parent company of *The Times*, owns only 49.9 per cent of Vox, a small private television channel.

Mr Murdoch praised Germany's relative openness to outside competition. "The confidence and success of the German media market is shown by not only the large number of free-to-air television stations, probably offering the largest choice of any market, but also by the fact that it is one of the few markets not to prohibit investment by foreign companies. The world should follow your lead here."

Entering the German market, he said, was still "extremely difficult." Germany has some 34 free-to-air stations, including a large number of public channels, but only two are profitable. "Of a DM12 billion (\$4 billion) television advertising market, those two profitable stations make only DM400 million or so between them, and the combined losses of the other channels dwarf that. So competition is tough in this market, perhaps too tough."

The European Commission's rejection of the Kirchertelsmann merger ensured that the private television market would not be sewn up by an effective German duopoly.

'Prudent' Mr Brown ready to unveil the real Budget

Gordon Brown is making a habit of spoiling sporting events with major financial announcements. The restoration of the Budget to its traditional slot in March renews the clash with the Cheltenham Festival, while last week's news on government spending dropped like a bombshell on financial markets riveted to the World Cup. Last week, surprise and confusion. This week, suspicion and analysis.

What are we to make of the *Economic and Fiscal Strategy Report*? The document itself is a nightmarish concoction of new Labour speak and financial gobbledook which makes *A Brief History of Time* seem like an easy read. Yet its publication marks a defining moment in Labour's stewardship of the economy.

In his first Budget, the Chancellor's task was to scotch the image of old Labour as a party of tax and spend. Accordingly, he stuck to the Tories' tight numbers restraining the growth of public spending, both for what was then the current year and the present one. Simultaneously, he eschewed the large rises in taxes feared by voters.

But because the economy was performing strongly, tax revenues poured into the Treasury, thereby turning the Government's deficit towards surplus. So Gordon the Prudent came to be accepted and even admired in the Square Mile.

This provided scope for a little cleverly executed backtracking. Mr Brown's second Budget was more activist than it first appeared, with taxes on upper earners rising to fund redis-

Now comes the second leg. In last week's speech, Mr Brown used the word prudent so many times, and tied himself up with so many new financial concepts, that the average Labour backbencher, not being able to distinguish his 'current Budget surplus' from his 'public sector net cash requirement', could not see the essence of it — large rises in public spending.

This is not to say, though, that this represents a wholesale return to the vices of old Labour. Very far from it. The

Chancellor has introduced radical reforms into the structure of fiscal policy, including the abolition of the annual spending round, and the distinction between current and capital spending, which should improve both the control of public spending and its efficiency.


Furthermore, the planned increases in spending — coming after a period of considerable restraint — stop well short of a bonanza. And all of this is achieved while sticking to “prudent” fiscal guidelines.

How has he achieved the supposedly impossible? It is economic growth that does the trick. Simply assume that the economy continues to grow nicely and everything falls into place. Because tax revenues rise in line, this allows increases in current spending without increased borrowing.

In fact, because taxes tend to rise faster than gross domestic product (GDP), you can allow public spending to

rise a bit faster and still not experience rising borrowing. If public borrowing is kept close to zero then the accumulated total of public debt will not rise much and, accordingly, as GDP continues to grow, the debt to GDP ratio will fall below 40 per cent. Why is 40 per cent the magic number? Because it sounds nice and low and yet is comfortably achievable while doing all of the above.

What makes the *Economic and Fiscal Strategy Report* so significant is that it marks a definite choice about what to do with the rising tax receipts thrown up by economic growth. These could be used to reduce accumulated public debt, cut taxes or in-



cut taxes or increase public spending. Mr Brown has chosen the third option.

The running of persistent surpluses, as well as improving long-

improving long-term fiscal health, would have had a definite impact upon the composition of GDP and, therefore, its long-run growth potential. Compared with the position presented in the March Budget, the *Economic and Fiscal Strategy Report*

Mr Brown's new plans allow for spending to grow by 2½ per cent in real terms, faster than even the fastest of three putative paths laid out in the Budget. The Bank of England had previously assumed that public spending would grow by 1½ per cent per annum. So, in the absence of compensating tax increases, the implication must be faster



ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT MARKET

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THE FACTS

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 Activities: Defence and civil aircraft manufacture; armaments; property development; asset management and leasing
 History: Evolved from legends such as Sopwith, Vickers and de Havilland. Fully privatised 1985.

THE BOARD

THE BAE chairman, Sir Richard Evans, is coming up to his 30th year with the group and he leads a team with similar experience. He is also a non-executive director of United Utilities, arriving at the height of the battle to oust Sir Desmond Pichey, the then chairman. Sir Richard had been mentioned as a desirable replacement as chairman, before the job was given to Sir Christopher Harding of Legal & General.

The chief executive, John Weston, is also in for a long service medal, having clocked up 28 years with BAE. Richard Laphorne, who gained a strong following in the City as finance director, surprised some with his decision to scale down his BAE commitments and become vice-chairman overseeing strategy. He is also deputy chairman of Nycomed Amersham, the healthcare group, and a non-executive director of Orange, the mobile phone company. Until BAE owned 21 per cent of Orange. Mr Laphorne's successor as finance director, George Rose, is also on the Orange board.

Mike Turner, the executive in charge of commercial aircraft, continues to report directly to Sir Richard. He has been at BAE for 32 years and is a non-exec at Babcock International, the owners of Rosyth military dockyard. He presumably runs into Lord Heslith a lot — the peer is a non-exec at BAE and Babcock.

The lead non-executive at BAE is Sir Robin Biggam, chairman of Fairley, a famous name of UK aviation which has recently pulled out of aerospace. Keith Brown, a Morgan Stanley director, is the Government-appointed non-executive. Sir Ronald Hampel, the corporate governance guru and ICI chairman, is another non-executive heavyweight.

THE recent boardroom reshuffle at British Aerospace had been keenly anticipated. The aircraft industry was waiting for Bob Bauman, the non-executive chairman, to step down and be replaced by Sir Richard Evans, the stock market salesman who has been a major force in the group's remarkable turnaround this decade.

What had sharpened the appetite for boardroom news was the succession to Sir Richard. British Aerospace in the 1990s has been dominated by four millionaire executives: Sir Richard, as chief executive; Richard Laphorne, as finance director; John Weston, as head of military aerospace; and Mike Turner, as BAE's Airbus supremo. Which of the three was going to take over as chief executive?

Mr Weston got the job, a timely reminder that, amid all the Airbus headlines, BAE is really about military aircraft. In 1997 defence sales were £6.4 billion, compared with £2.5 billion from commercial aerospace. Although BAE's 20 per cent stake in the Airbus consortium is really starting to perform now, the export prospects of its latest military planes are more significant.

Chief among these is the "Eurofighter". This is still only its working title — the Germans named it "Typhoon" because that was the name of a British plane in the Second World War.

The aircraft, which costs about £40 million with parts and spares, is a joint project between the UK, Germany, Spain and Italy. Beyond the 620 orders taken from these nations, Eurofighter faces competition from Europe and the US.

BAE and its three partners — Dasa of Germany, Casa of Spain and Alenia of Italy — had an early opportunity in the United Arab Emirates, where the cheaper and older F-16 was recently chosen.

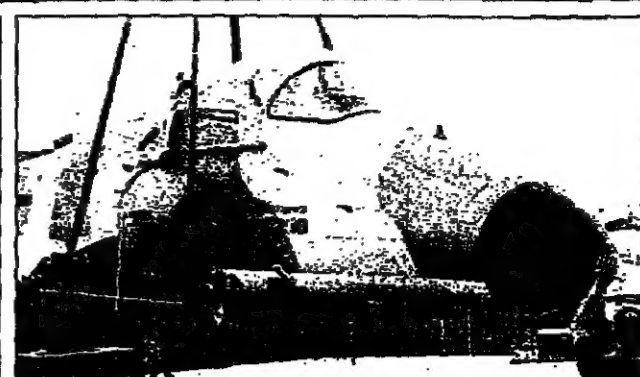
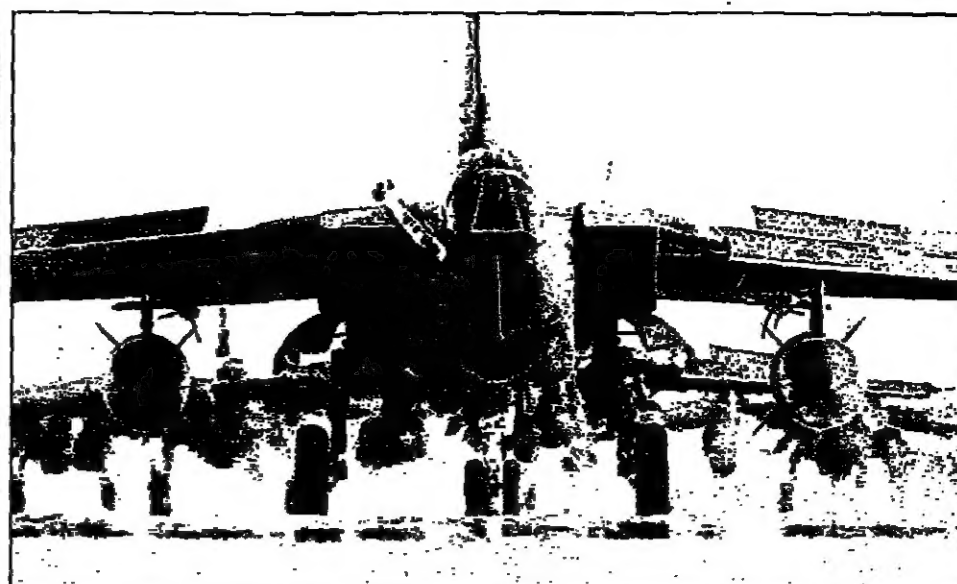
BAE claims that this was not a real test of the Eurofighter's prowess, insisting that it did not submit final prices because the deliveries would be a little too close to those of the "host" countries. A "ballpark" figure had been indicated in discussions, the company concedes.

Its willingness fiercely to defend Eurofighter's reputation led to conflict with the BBC over a *Panorama* programme critical of the aircraft. BAE said its opposition managed to win changes that

CORPORATE PROFILE: British Aerospace



Sir Richard Evans, left and Richard Laphorne have high hopes for the Eurofighter, while the Tornado, top, is being wound down. John Weston's appointment as chief executive shows that military aircraft is still the dominant side of BAE, with the Hawk, bottom, probably its most successful aircraft



presented it in a more "balanced" light.

BAE says the first big competition will be Norway, where a formal bid should go in at the beginning of next year against the F-18. There are also campaigns in Australia, Brazil, South Korea, Singapore and Saudi Arabia.

Through a joint venture with Saab, BAE sells the Gripen, the first fourth-generation fighter out of the starting blocks, in certain territories. Although the Gripen may overlap with the more expensive Eurofighter in some markets, Mr Weston believes it contributes to the best product range in military aircraft. BAE will share the manufacturing of the export Gripen.

The Hawk, probably BAE's most successful aircraft to date, will continue to be sold, both as a trainer and a basic combat aircraft. One of the continuing sales prospects is

South Africa. BAE maintains that there is no threat to its existing Hawk contract with Indonesia.

The Tornado, the combat aircraft that featured heavily in the Gulf War, is being wound down. The last of the Tornados ordered by Saudi Arabia in the massive Al-

Yamamah arms deals are being made now.

The Eurofighter production facilities currently under construction are very different to those of the Tornado, its predecessor. The Tornado moved down a production line. The embryonic Eurofighters will stay still and

workers will cluster round in teams that break down the traditional divisions between the drawing board and the factory floor. Final assembly will be done by laser-guided robots at a £7 million facility.

Bob Haslam, the BAE Eurofighter project director, says lessons have been learned from owning Rover, the car maker BAE sold to BMW (BAE sites are still dominated by Rover cars because of a continuing discount deal). Much of the responsibility for quality control gets shifted to the suppliers when they have proven themselves: 12 suppliers, including Courtaulds and Ultra, have been particularly praised.

The emphasis is on just-in-time delivery, even on things such as sticky labels. The result is that BAE's lean manufacturing techniques are world class in civil and defence aerospace, pushing its

profitability ahead of its partners in the Airbus consortium.

This gives real negotiating muscle to Mike Turner in the present discussions that will turn Airbus into a stand-alone company some time next year.

Industry sources suggest that BAE will not want to increase its 20 per cent stake in Airbus, but will want a bigger slice of the profits, probably through higher contractor's fees.

BAE is keen that Airbus should not be the hub of any European restructuring, and its willingness so far to call the tune in the musical chairs means it has built a strong position to dictate terms.

Taking a stake in Saab was the most impressive move. Although this is evidence that BAE is becoming a magnet for the more mobile aerospace groups in Europe, there is no guarantee that further opportunities will be as good. The most significant, a tie-up with

WHAT THE EXPERTS SAY

"British Aerospace has shown that it will not be forced into a secondary role to the French in any restructuring. They are looking to do what deals they can and have done very well with Saab — that is a great deal, with Gripen it's almost something for nothing. For Eurofighter, one obvious market will be Saudi Arabia."

Nick Cunningham, Salomon Smith Barney

"The visibility of defence earnings combined with BAE's strong position in the potential restructuring of the European industry continue to leave the shares looking attractive. We have a target of about 650p for the shares, even though the sector has taken a bit of a hammering recently over Asia. They have got a good spread of activities across all areas."

Andy Chambers, Société Générale Securities

Granada claims TV rental boost

BY FRASER NELSON

GRANADA is claiming an early victory over rival Radio Rentals in renting wide-screen televisions for the World Cup after recording a 500 per cent increase in big-ticket TV contracts in the past month alone.

The company, which has spent £2 million stocking up on new televisions in the past five weeks, says it has won hundreds of fresh customers who may well rent for the

next four years to keep pace with the advent of digital television.

Dudley Moor-Radford, marketing controller of Granada Rental, said: "The hype surrounding the World Cup has really helped business. The response has been phenomenal and we definitely seem to be doing a great deal more business than Radio Rentals."

Last month it began offering

a replica 1966 England football shirt with every rental contract worth more than £25 a month. It has so far issued 10,000 such shirts.

Radio Rentals said it has had "fantastic" response to its campaign but said it could not issue any figures. Its campaign has urged customers to join Ryan Giggs, the Welsh footballer, and watch the game at home. The company described Granada's claim of

a fivefold increase as "staggering".

The two rental companies have about 50 per cent of the market each. Radio Rentals, owned by Thorn, is traditionally bigger in televisions and Granada is the leader in satellite sets. No world cup matches are being broadcast in wide-screen format. The new televisions allow viewers to enlarge the picture and then zoom in.

Grid eyes air traffic operation

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

NATIONAL GRID is drawing up plans to operate the UK's air traffic control after telling the Government it wanted to run the system.

The electricity transmission company wrote to the Government several weeks ago to register its interest in National Air Traffic Services (Nats). After the Chancellor's announcement last week that 51 per cent of Nats is to be sold, it is waiting for discus-

sions. The grid's interest will spark fears of widespread job losses. Since the privatisation of electricity seven years ago, the grid has nearly halved its original workforce of 6,000.

It is thought the grid will pitch its bid for the Nats stake heavily on possible efficiencies. It will say it has suitable experience to run Nats because of its own management of sophisticated computer software and through its balancing of

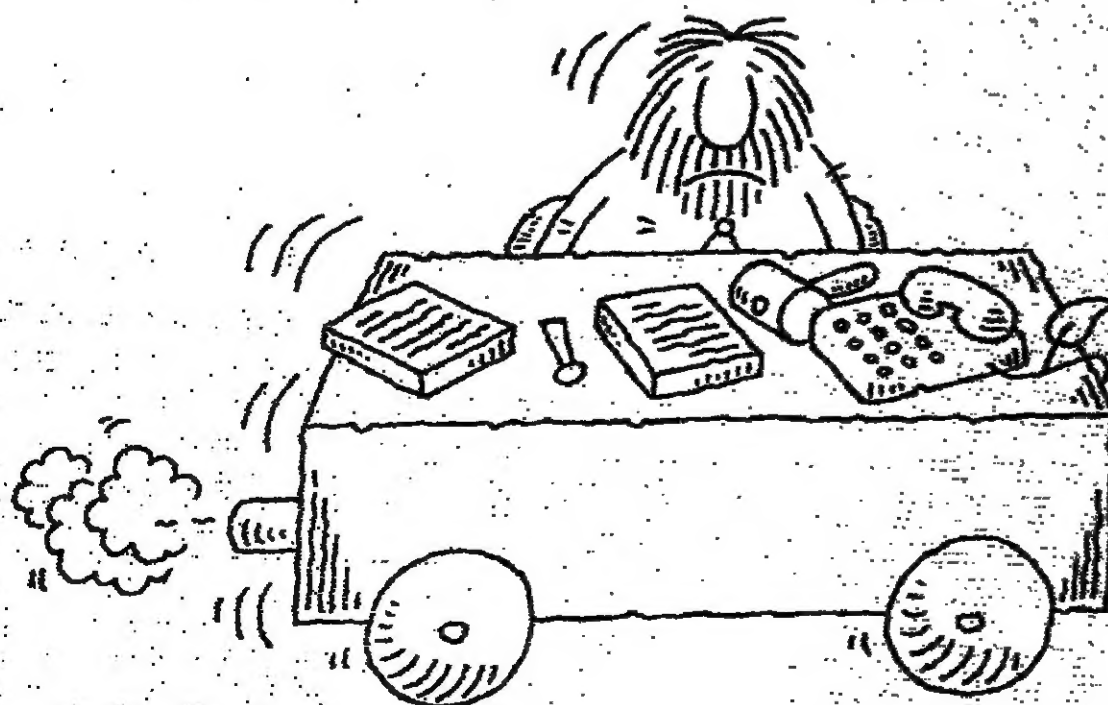
electricity generation with demand. Nats, part of the Civil Aviation Authority, has been criticised for systems problems at its delayed operations centre near Bournemouth.

The grid also has considerable cash to pump into Nats, which needs an investment of more than £100 million a year for the next eight years because of the growth in air traffic. Earlier this month the company said it would be able

to spend up to £1 billion on an acquisition in the US. A spokesman for the grid said: "We are potentially interested because of the fit of Nats with our skills and experience."

Separately Camelot, the lottery operator, backed away from suggestions that it wanted to run the Tote, the horse racing pool betting operation which Gordon Brown also said would be open to private/public partnership.

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Bonus distortions blamed for MPC rate decision

As City economists pick over the entrails of the Monetary Policy Committee's decision earlier this month to raise interest rates, Janet Bush studies an analysis of earnings statistics by the highly respected Professor Robin Marris which suggests that the MPC was looking at the wrong figures.

Professor Robin Marris instinctively took issue with the Monetary Policy Committee's explanation for its decision to raise base rates against all expectations on June 4 — namely that earnings growth was now too fast.

A big culprit was figures from the Office for National Statistics showing that average earnings growth had jumped to 4.9 per cent in February from 4.6 per cent the previous month.

The ONS calculates monthly earnings figures by taking the latest three-month period for which data is available and averaging these on the middle month. Statisticians made it clear that February's 4.9 per cent figure had been boosted significantly by a strong rise in earnings growth in March. Annual growth in private sector earnings jumped to 5.4 per cent in that month.

Statisticians have been at pains to emphasise that March's figures were heavily affected by bonus payments.

Professor Marris, using figures from the ONS and benefiting from extensive discussions with senior ONS statisticians, has provided *The Times* with estimates of underlying trends in average earnings, adjusting for distortions related to the timing of bonus payments and also stripping out bonuses altogether.

He believes that, if his calculations are borne out by official figures for March earnings on Wednesday, it will be very difficult to justify a fear of new earnings inflation and June's increase in interest rates.

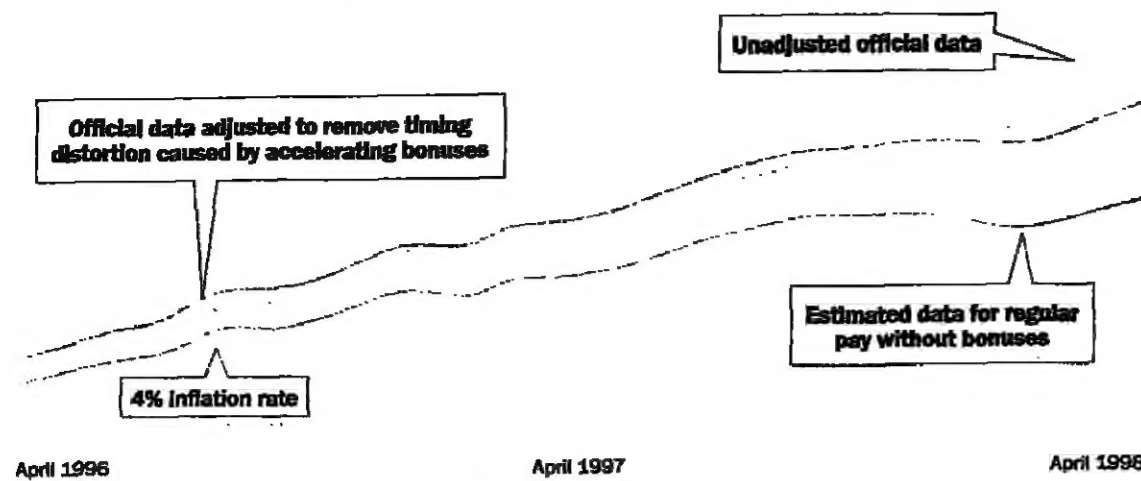
His calculations question the proposition of Mervyn King, Deputy Governor of the Bank of England, in a recent speech to a building societies' conference, that the underlying growth rate of earnings is more than 5 per cent a year.

Professor Marris said: "It looks more like 4 per cent which few would regard as inflationary. The case for crying 'fire' cannot be based on earnings."

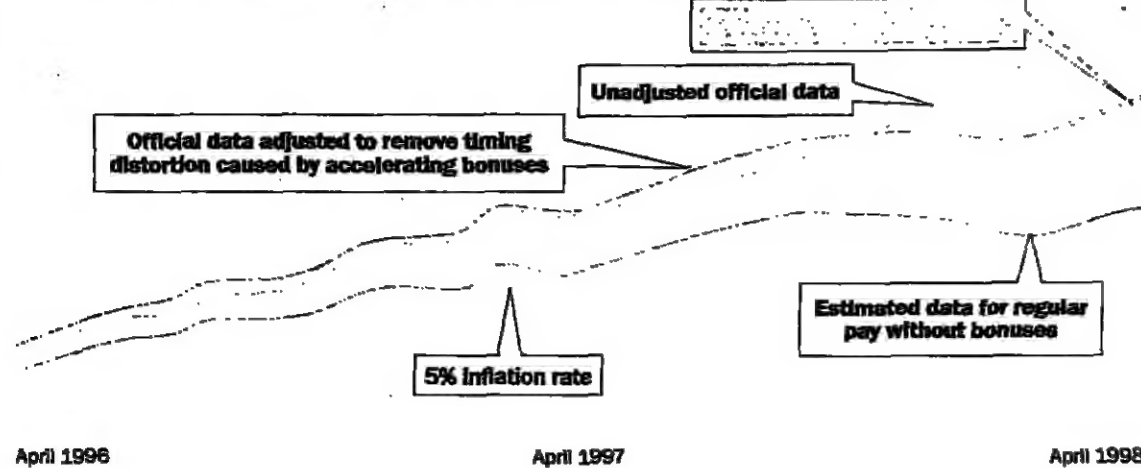
The official earnings data are based on a direct enquiry into the payrolls of 8,000 firms. They also include annual bonuses that are mostly

HOW THE MPC GOT IT WRONG

Whole economy earnings April 1996 to April 1998 three-month moving averages: log scale



Private sector earnings April 1996 to April 1998 three-month moving averages: log scale



paid in the last weeks of the financial year. As the ONS uses three-month moving averages, bonuses may begin to get into the published numbers from as early as October.

The figures are seasonally adjusted. However, if bonuses start to run ahead of regular pay, seasonal adjustment will begin to understate the bunching effect of bonuses in the latter part of the financial year.

Professor Marris said: "This will produce a bogus, apparent acceleration of total earnings."

ings (including bonuses) in that part of the year and, most particularly, in February and March. This is highly significant in the present circumstances. The ONS does not have a long separate statistical series for bonuses but its statisticians have examined the primary data for March this year and discovered that bonuses increased over the year to March by no less than 25 per cent.

Since the growth rate of total earnings was no more than 5

per cent over the same period, Professor Marris argues that the timing distortion described above has been a significant factor.

Using ONS guidance on the weight of bonuses in total earnings, Professor Marris has developed a procedure for smoothing out the bunching of bonuses.

In the above charts, he plots three separate lines, tracking earnings back to April 1996 and including projections for April 1998. One series of

figures is the "unadjusted and therefore distorted" official data.

The second is an estimated series from which the abnormal bonuses of recent years have been purged altogether — in other words, the path of regular pay plus "normal" bonuses.

The third is a series for total earnings including bonuses from which the timing distortions have been removed. Professor Marris notes that this series does not remove the abnormal increase but spreads them smoothly throughout the year.

The chart of private sector earnings shows that his adjusted measure of total earnings grows steadily at about 5 per cent for the whole two-year period and provides no hard evidence of an acceleration.

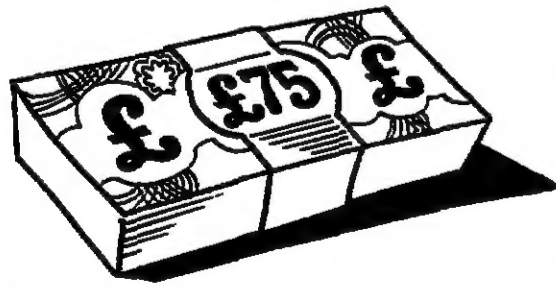
The results of this exercise strikingly diminish the upward path of earnings both for the whole economy and for the private sector, which so alarmed members of the MPC.

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The Monetary Policy Committee before the rate increase was announced

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French seek deal on meals

French restaurateurs look set for an historic victory over the purveyors of Le Big Mac as the Jospin Government considers a proposal to cut VAT on restaurant meals from 20.6 per cent to just 14 per cent.

An unlikely alliance of restaurateurs and the Communist Party appears to have won a battle to bring restaurants more into line with fast food outlets. Today the Government is expected to announce that they have won their battle.

As it currently stands, if you purchase a Royale avec Fromage from one of McDonald's rapidly expanding chain of fast food outlets in France, you pay VAT of just 5.5 per cent. This is because fast food outlets are considered to be

Restaurateurs set for tax triumph over fast food, says Catherine Dodd

eating at a counter. However, if you go to a restaurant, sit down and order steak frites, you are charged 20.6 per cent.

French restaurateurs — faced with tougher economic conditions despite the influx of football fans for the World Cup — have lobbied Dominique Strauss-Kahn, France's Minister for Finance, Economy and Industry, to include the reduction in his programme of proposed reforms to be announced today.

Rene Cantele, proprietor

of the respected Le Reclamer in Paris, says he and his colleagues have "for long been up against a real problem". He added: "People continue to limit what they spend. They skip dessert, restrict their consumption. Unfortunately, our union is not strong, and can't go on strike like the pilots of Air France or the road hauliers."

This position is supported by, of all people, the Communists. Alain Bocquet, a spokesman of the group of Communist MPs, has demanded that the Government be "innovative".

A specialised study supports the VAT cut. It says a worthwhile drop in the level of VAT imposed on restaurants could create as many as 14,000 jobs.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 44

HOON

(b) Australian slang for a lout, a rough, a crazy person, a dot, a ponce. Origin unknown. "Advertising these locations [of radar speed traps], also advertising the locations where they are not being used, thus giving the hot-rod hoon an open road."

NOGAKU

(b) The Japanese dramatic form called Noh. The genre of Noh drama. In Japanese *no* means talent and accomplishment, *gaku* means music. "The earliest theatrical performances were those of the *nogaku* (Noh drama), and the *no-kyogen* (Noh farces)."

MANDOR

(a) A forearm or overcoat in Malaysia or Indonesia. A Malay adaptation of the Portuguese *mandor* one who gives orders. "Raja Gopal's house stands about a hundred yards from the labour lines of which Raja Gopal is the mandor in charge."

HEFNER

(a) A lamp used as a photometric standard and the intensity of light obtained from it. A shortened eponym of F. F. von Hefner-Alteneck (1845-1904), a German electrical engineer who invented the shiner. "Germany, however, continued to use the Hefner candle unit which was derived from the Hefner lamp and had a luminous intensity of about 0.9 international candles."

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US dollar

1.6310 (-0.0052)

German mark

2.9425 (+0.0420)

Exchange index

104.9 (+1.3)

Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share

3803.4 (-98.4)

FTSE 100

5769.8 (-177.5)

New York Dow Jones

8834.94 (-202.77)

Tokyo Nikkei Ave

15022.33 (-301.10)

Those magnificent men...

To the Ends of the Earth Channel 4, 8.00pm

Richard Branson may get the publicity but he is not the only balloonist trying to be the first to fly around the world non-stop. His latest attempt this year was only one of five and Garfield Kennedy's documentary follows them all. That the outcomes may be well known hardly spoils the interest. It is extraordinary, for instance, that the Americans, Kevin Ulissi and Dick Rutan, both set off with no previous experience, though Rutan had flown non-stop round the world in an aircraft. It also seems strange, at least to the outsider, that the countries likely to be flown over had not been contacted in advance to ensure they would agree to the balloon entering their airspace. Two of the five attempts, and the ones that came nearest to succeeding, were scuppered because such permission was withheld.

Bramwell TV, 8.00pm

Here is something to make football haters grateful, the return of one of our best popular dramas and in two feature-length episodes in the same week. Since the show was last on air, the Boer War has broken out, which gives Lucy Gannon's script the chance to combine the usual meaty plotting with period colour. According to Gannon (and she has doubtless researched it) war fever was so strong that anybody remotely connected with the hated Boers was liable to be beaten up on sight. One of the hospital's first patients tonight is a Dutchman who has been attacked by a gang of roughs because the Boers came originally from Holland. Jenna Redgrave's Eleanor meanwhile strikes another blow for feminism by becoming a recruiting doctor for the army, and has second thoughts about marrying the dull Dr Marsham.

Secret History: Killer Flu Channel 4, 9.00pm

The influenza pandemic of 1918 is said to have killed up to 40 million people and affected half the world's population. Yet nobody knows what caused it, or why it stopped as suddenly as it started, or whether it could happen again. There is still much for this film to explore, which it does in vivid and often shocking detail, with the help of



A year in the life of cancer patient John Diamond (BBC1, 10.30pm)

first-hand accounts and contemporary records. The emphasis is on the United States, where the virus probably originated. The prime candidate is Fort Reilly army camp in Kansas, where 300 soldiers died in one week. The virus was later spread by soldiers who went to Europe to fight in the First World War. The epidemic was a blow to the reputation of medicine, and put a huge strain on doctors, nurses, hospitals and, not least, the makers of coffins.

Inside Story: Tongue-Tied BBC1, 10.30pm

As those who read his column in *The Times* will know, John Diamond has, since March last year, been living with cancer. It was first diagnosed in his throat and later a tumour was discovered in his tongue. Besides writing about his illness, Diamond co-operated in the making of this documentary, which shows him before and after the operation to remove part of his tongue, undergoing radiotherapy treatment and struggling slowly and painfully to regain his voice. The operation leaves Diamond in deep depression, unable to talk, eat or sleep and dribbling. He is devastated at not being able to speak to his children, and yearning his cancer seems distant hope. But he somehow manages to find humour even in his darkest moments and this film is a tribute to his courage and determination. Peter Waymark

RADIO CHOICE

Windrush: Secrets and Ties Radio 4, 8.00pm

The second of two programmes today (see *Talking Heads*, 3.45) which relate to the arrival at Tilbury dock, 50 years ago next week, of the SS *Windrush*. It brought some of the first Caribbean immigrants to these shores, people who could not find work at home, coming to a country in which the workforce was under-strength in many crucial areas. After all that, some black people have suffered since. It is poignant to hear a West Indian calypso singer calling himself Lord Kitchener and standing on the dockside at Tilbury singing London is the place for me. The main benefit of this programme is that it explodes the myth of West Indians rushing here out of choice: in reality, other doors — especially the US — were closing.

RADIO 1

6.30am Kevin Greening and Zof Ball 6.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 John Whitey 2.00pm Mark Radcliffe 4.00 Dave Pearce 6.30 Evening Session 8.30 Global Update 8.40 Andy Kershaw 10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs 1.00am Cive Warren 4.00 Chris Moyles

RADIO 2

6.00am Alan Lester 7.30 Sarah Kennedy 9.30 Ken Bruce 12.00 Debbie Thorne 2.00pm Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Humphrey Lyttelton 8.00 Big Band Special 8.30 Jools Holland 9.30 Joe Brown's Good Rockin' Tonight, with Mary White 10.30 Richard Allison 12.00am Steve Lamacq 3.00 Kateina

RADIO 3

6.00am The Breakfast Programme 8.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00 The Midday News 1.00pm World Cup 98: England v Tunisia (kick-off 1.00pm). Coverage from the Stade Velodrome in Marseille. See Choice 3.30 World Cup Phone-in 4.30 World Cup 98: Romania v Colombia (kick-off 4.30pm). Coverage from Stade Gerland in Lyons. 5.30 Nationwide 6.00 World Cup 98: Germany v USA (kick-off 6.00pm). Coverage from the Parc des Princes in Paris. 10.00 Late Night Live 1.00am Up All Night 5.00 Morning Reports

VIRGIN RADIO

7.00am Chris Evans 10.00 Russ Williams 1.00pm Nick Abbot 4.00 Paul Coyte 7.30 Ray Coles 10.00 Mark Forster 2.00am Calum Jones 5.00 Jeremy Clark

TALK RADIO

6.30am Bill and Kirsty 8.00 Scott Crichton 12.00 Lorraine Kelly 1.00pm Tommy Boyd 1.30 World Cup: England v Tunisia. See Choice 3.30 World Cup. 4.00 World Cup: Romania v Colombia. 6.30 Tommy Boyd 7.00 Anna Rasmussen 8.00 James White 1.00am Ian Collins 5.00 Bill Overton

World Cup: England v Tunisia Radio 5 Live and Talk Radio, 1.30pm

Glen Hoddle at last has to stop talking into a microphone for 90 minutes and instead take up a megaphone in an attempt to make himself heard out on the pitch. The kick-off time is 1.30pm but both radio networks will talk of little else from midday onwards. Much like the England team, the Talk Radio team is untested at World Cup level so it may have a tough time against the experience of 5 Live. There is also an interesting difference in the tactical approach, with Talk deploying a flat bat from two of Alan Barry and Andy Gray whereas 5 Live will have Alan Green and Mike Ingham in partnership up front with Terry Butcher playing as sweeper. Don't worry, I won't give away the ending. Peter Barnard

WORLD SERVICE

7.00am News 7.15 World Cup Roundup 7.30 Omnibus 8.00 News 8.15 On the Shelf 8.30 The Village Chat Show 9.00 News (648 only) News in German 9.10 Passions Thought 10.15 News 10.30 News 10.45 News 10.55 News 11.00 News 11.15 News 11.30 News 11.45 News 11.55 News 12.00 News 12.15 News 12.30 News 12.45 News 12.55 News 1.00 News 1.15 News 1.30 News 1.45 News 1.55 News 2.00 News 2.15 News 2.30 News 2.45 News 2.55 News 3.00 News 3.15 News 3.30 News 3.45 News 3.55 News 4.00 News 4.15 News 4.30 News 4.45 News 4.55 News 5.00 News 5.15 News 5.30 News 5.45 News 5.55 News 6.00 News 6.15 News 6.30 News 6.45 News 6.55 News 7.00 News 7.15 News 7.30 News 7.45 News 7.55 News 8.00 News 8.15 News 8.30 News 8.45 News 8.55 News 9.00 News 9.15 News 9.30 News 9.45 News 9.55 News 10.00 News 10.15 News 10.30 News 10.45 News 10.55 News 11.00 News 11.15 News 11.30 News 11.45 News 11.55 News 12.00 News 12.15 News 12.30 News 12.45 News 12.55 News 1.00 News 1.15 News 1.30 News 1.45 News 1.55 News 2.00 News 2.15 News 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Conclusions, comeuppances, celebrations

This weekend saw the safe delivery of Channel 4's season celebrating the fifth anniversary of the National Health Service, but not before several other series had slipped this mortal coil. The dying moments of *Saturday Night Takeaway* (ITV) were simply too distressing to describe. Of more interest to medical science were the terminal stages of *Invincible Earth* (BBC1, Friday) and *Close Relations* (BBC1, Sunday).

Invincible Earth was in the throes of acute sci-fi diarrhoea. Symptoms include rapid plot palpitations, causing all the dialogue to be used up explaining things, usually in pseudo-scientific jargon. Every other line becomes an urgent order delivered through clenched teeth.

"Work through the night. Get it done!" barked tough American Nato commander Major General Reeco to the scientist analysing samples contaminated by alien

contact. A healthy subject would have rolled her eyes and replied, "OK, dear. Whatever you say," but she too was contaminated and spluttered something tense.

The world was being invaded by a malevolent life-form known as the Special Effects. Sometimes these took the form of swirling light shapes, sometimes they made intriguing patterns on computer screens. Mostly, though, the beings inhabited a pulsating crystalline mountain which was eating the town of Kirkcubright.

It is impossible to be original in sci-fi these days. *Invincible Earth* had some good moments and was visually stylish, but the scenario was uncomfortably like a low budget *Independence Day*. Conventional military attacks on the sinister alien power centre failed: an Achilles heel was identified and a nuclear bomb used in a potentially suicidal attack by the heroes. The twist was that this surgical

strike didn't work, leaving Nato to unleash nuclear Armageddon. White light filled the screen, leaving the ending open, along with the possibility of another series.

Yet the predatory nD's have made a terrible blunder in absorbing organic matter from a Scottish town. With the practice of deep-frying anything from fanny muton pies to frozen pizzas and Mars bars in batter, Scottish catering is the most dangerous diet in the universe. One chip alone could precipitate a fatal cosmic seizure.

After the spurious tabloid tumult generated over last week's three-in-a-bed sex-ramp, *Close Relations* didn't really peacefully, with accounts settled and affairs mostly in order. It began as a fable of modern life, a motif ironically recapitulated at the very end with the opening of a new story about a trio of sisters read over the closing sequence.

REVIEW



Paul Hoggart

Deborah Moggach's adaptation of her own novel was more interested in nuances and complexities than in melodrama, but as with all fables, there was a moral. It wasn't that all the men were outright villains, just that all the women (except the dominant lesbian) were victims of men (or of the dominant lesbian).

And most of them got their comeuppance. Only the redundant

publisher Stephen got off lightly, sinking back to his emotionally experimental Dutch wife.

The women, on the other hand, were all rewarded with fulfilling new lives and the discovery of new strength in their own independence and in sisterly solidarity. I have greatly enjoyed this drama for the realism of the emotional situations. The dialogue is often witty and the fabric of middle-class life acutely observed. The criticisms of the sexual content seem to be misplaced, since it was neither salacious nor sensational.

But one of Moggach's great strengths lies in her teasing out of ambiguous moral problems, and the somewhat schematic wrapping up of the plot lines tended to undermine that. Yet even this was unexpectedly undercut. For me the most poignant scene of the whole series was Gordon's bereaved black mistress, weeping silently as she played his answerphone mes-

sages. His family had fractured and reformed, yet still provided a warm cocoon, a cruel counterpoint to her desolate isolation.

Channel 4's *Cradle to Grave* series promises satire, polemic, a live concert and a game show. It might seem odd therefore to use satirist and game-show regular Ian Hislop to present a straight historical documentary. Except that inside the Editor of *Private Eye* is a serious social historian bursting to get out.

After the Anglican Church and the education system, the NHS is the third national institution to receive his attention. Ian Hislop's manner has always blended incredulous outrage with a rather jolly sarcasm, but where the sarcasm dominates his performances on *Have I Got News For You*, incredulous outrage often sets the tone of the documentaries. But then, the research team had

found a lot to be outraged about in the state of the nation's health care before the NHS. There was nothing innovative or gimmicky about *Pennies From Heaven*, but it was excellent documentary. Commentary, archive footage, talking heads and interviews were artfully combined to produce a dramatic, informative and often moving story.

Sometimes we need to be reminded of the alternative, when we begin to doubt the value of what we have got. This portrait of pre-NHS health provision was devastating. The "wise women" pouring warm urine in infected ears, the young women having their teeth out as a wedding present to prevent future bills, the millions of dead children, were all bad enough. But the image of the women queuing for treatment for prolapsed wombs on July 5, 1948, wrapped in towels like nappies, will haunt me forever.

- BBC1**
- 6.00am Business Breakfast (78757)
7.00am BBC Breakfast News (71614)
9.00am All Over the Shop (71086134)
9.20am Killy (71087950)
10.00am The General (90800)
10.30am Can't Cook, Won't Cook: Ainsley Harriott helps two contestants create a dish to be proud of (71092221)
11.05am The Really Useful Show: Row Lancelotti and Tony Morris present a show dedicated to men's health, featuring reports on beer bellies, baldness and better living (71999688)
12.00am News (71) and weather (41467)
12.30pm Regional News (71) (43682641)
12.35pm Neighbours (71) (5272399)
1.00pm World Cup 98 Live: England v Tunisia (Kick-off 1.30pm). Desmond Lynam presents coverage of the first match for Glenn Hoddle's men at the Stade Velodrome in Marseille. Barry Davies and Trevor Brooking comment with analysis from Alan Hansen, Jimmy Hill and David Gold (71) (34413738)
3.35pm Bananaman (6331592) 3.40pm Playdays (8423405) 4.00pm The Littlest Pet Shop (1285573) 4.15pm Casper (5089979) 4.35pm 50/50. Quiz show with two randomly selected teams of 11-year-old girls and boys from schools across the country. Presented by Sally Gray (5522689) 5.00pm Newsworld (71) (529793) 5.10pm Peter. The launch of the Photo '98 Competition (71) (529221)
5.35pm Neighbours (71) (359080)
6.00pm Six O'Clock News (71) and weather (660)
6.30pm Regional News (71)
7.00pm EastEnders: Grant returns to the Square but receives a lukewarm reception; Barry reveals some home truths (71) (318)
7.30pm World Cup 98 Live: Germany v USA (Kick-off 8.00pm). Coverage from the Parc des Princes in Paris as the most successful European nation of modern World Cup kick-off this year's campaign against the oft-underestimated Americans (71) (759773)
10.00pm News (71) and weather (42198)
10.30pm Inside Story: Tongue-Tied columnist John Diamond was shocked to learn he had developed throat cancer. This film follows him over the past year, chronicling his progress in fighting the illness (71) (47554)
11.30pm Film: 1988 with Barry Norman. Film reviews including City of Angels, starring Meg Ryan and Nicolas Cage, and Saviour, the true story of a man's mission to rescue a girl and her newborn child in Serbia, starring Dennis Quaid and Natascha Kinski. Also Jason Robards's performance in the "King Lear" role in A Thousand Acres, about a farmer who divides his land among three daughters (71) (25592)
12.00pm Rio Conchos (1994) A cache of stolen rifles causes major headaches for Texas cowboys Richard Boone and Stuart Whitman. Directed by Gordon Douglas (71) (782897)
1.00am Weather (71) (765784)
1.45pm BBC News 24
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- BBC2**
- 6.10am The Golden Thread (7975028) 6.35 Images of Education (2248944)
7.00am Teletubbies (71) (222698) 7.25am Goobler and the Ghost Chasers (2001199) 7.30am Blue Peter (71) (272757) 8.15pm The Space Race (722651) 8.35pm Trucks (71) (767493) 8.45pm Harry and the Hendersons (71) (4384196)
9.10am Teaching Today (1458944) 9.45am Storytime (817150) 10.00am Teletubbies (71) (272650) 10.30pm Words and Pictures (4577329) 10.45pm Job Bank (148134) 11.20pm Zog Zap (8198115) 11.40pm Landmarks (2301283) 12.00pm Opening Up Technology (49009)
12.30pm Working Lunch (75912) 1.00pm Oakie Doke (71) (14305134) 1.10pm Consuming Passions (71) (25646196)
1.15pm Hell Boats (1970) with James Franciscus and Elizabeth Shepherd. Second World War drama about an American Navy commander sent to help plan an attack on a Nazi bomb base in Malta, who causes friction by falling for the commanding officer's wife. Directed by Paul Wendkos (3683495)
2.50pm News (7220738) 2.55pm Top Gear Motorsport. The Acropolis Rally in Greece (2561134) 3.25pm News (71) (19863) 3.35pm The Victorian Kitchen Garden (71) (71) (81) 4.00pm Real Rooms (71) (3489738)
4.25pm Ready, Steady, Cook (3482925) 4.35pm Esther: Bouncers and bodyguards on the demands of their profession (7816641) 5.30pm Today's the Day (889) 6.00pm The Simpsons (71) (759467)
6.20pm Space 1999 (71) (357689)
7.15pm They Who Dare: English line climber Lynn Hills and Italian Valerio Bertoglio climb against the clock (867370)
7.30pm Computers Don't Bite: The Beginners' Guide Measures devices to eradicate the Millennium Bug; software for scuba enthusiasts and budding guitarists. Last in series (71) (738)
8.00pm Somersby (1993) Melodrama set at the time of the American Civil War with veteran Richard Gere returning to his Tennessee home town and put-upon wife, Julie Foster, a much changed man. Also with Bill Pullman and James Earl Jones. Directed by Jon Amiel (71) (3477202)
9.50pm Survival: Survival. Essential information on hearing difficulties among children (71) (494554)
10.00pm I'm Alan Partridge (71) (40738) 10.30pm Newsnight (71) (829978) 11.15pm Made in Manchester (747370) 11.45pm Natural Born Footballers (71) (236115) 11.55pm Weather 12.00pm Midnight Hour (86535)
12.30am O.U.: Orsmanmichele (11351) 1.30pm Seville: The Edge of the Empire (19198) 2.00pm Science (50167) 4.00pm World Cup Football (86871) 5.00pm The England Site (306395) 5.45pm O.U.: Pride and Prejudice (26897)

- HTV**
- 5.00am GMTV (2688202)
9.25am This Morning (71) (449912)
9.30am Vanessa (71) (1953680)
10.10am This Morning (71) (3922354)
12.15pm Regional News (71) (1121399)
12.30pm News (71) and weather (79738)
1.00pm WALS: Animal Country (36196)
1.30pm House Hunters (70008) 2.00pm The Jerry Springer Show (71) (4763641)
2.45pm WALS: House to House. The house of a businessman and his wife in Lancashire (582370) 2.45pm BLT (582370)
3.15pm News (71) (9117405)
3.18pm Regional News (71) (717405)
3.20pm Oddballs: A light-hearted look at sport (71) (1616028)
3.50pm World Cup 98 Live: Romania v Colombia. Bob Wilson presents action from the opening game in England's group from Lyons. Plus: highlights from England's game against Tunisia in Marseille (71) (2001457)
6.50pm Regional News (71) (336912)
7.00pm Wheel of Fortune Game show presented by John Leslie and Jenny Powell (71) (6486)
7.30pm Coronation Street. Sam makes a dramatic exit from Weatherfield after Tiger pounces on her deceit. Sally issues Kevin with an ultimatum. With Tina Hobbs, Sally Whitaker and Michael La Vell (71) (582)
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1.35am World Cup 98: England v Tunisia. All 90 minutes of England's opening game, global football (5768156)
3.20pm Football: A roundup of the best global football (5768156)
3.50pm Club@Vision: Lisa Nash presents the scenes on clubs, clubbing and the dance music culture (1220142)
4.30pm TV Night: Screen (57992)
5.30pm News (56730)

- CENTRAL**
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1.00pm A Country Practice (36196)
1.30pm The Jerry Springer Show (5644592)
2.45-3.15pm High Road (582370)
3.50am Central Jobfinder '98 (1115005)
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- 6.00am Sesame Street (61467)
7.00am The Big Breakfast (71) (64979)
9.00am Schools: The English Programme (9857028) 9.25am Schools at Work (4487554) 9.30am Geography Junction (8178573) 9.45am Book Box (8173028) 10.00am Stage Two Science (1029738) 10.15pm Rat-a-Tat-Tat (1042689) 10.30pm Place and People (7695080) 10.50pm Express (869405) 11.00pm People in Society (8189467) 11.15pm The Mix (8102318)
11.30pm Here's One I Made Earlier: Wild mushrooms on broche; asparagus and herb salad with courgettes; and mixed berry in almond pastry (71) (4080)
12.00pm Sesame Street (61467) 12.30pm Light Lunch. Anthony Worma Thompson cooks lunch for today's guest Fern Britton (71) (94202) 1.30pm The Living Sea. How the delicate reefs of the Red Sea are being affected by man (34509)
2.00pm The Iron Curtain (1948, b/w) Cold War thriller with Dana Andrews and Gene Tierney, based on the true story of an employee of the USSR Embassy in Ottawa, who applied for asylum. William A. Wellman directs (71) (35568)
3.30pm Watercolour Challenge (71) (486) 4.00pm Fifteen-to-One (71) (221) 4.30pm Countdown (71) (584028) 4.55pm Monty Python's U.K. Lawyer Talks to Monty (71) (618009) 5.30pm Pet Rescue (757) 6.00pm Boy Meets World (71) (970) 6.30pm Hollyoaks (71) (850)
7.00pm News (71) and weather (173009)
7.55pm The Windrush Years: Brother and sister, Doris and Douglas Willis talk about the hostility in the late 1950s (71) (643812)
8.00pm To the End of the Earth: Racing with the Wind See Critic's Choice. Five teams of balloonists from across the globe battle to be the first to fly non-stop around the world (71) (5844)
9.00pm Secret History: Killer Flu killed an estimated 40 million people worldwide. In America it claimed 550,000 in ten months, a number greater than the total number of American deaths in combat this century (71) (5080)
10.00pm NYPD Blue: Gina experiences problems with her pregnancy (71) (146347)
10.55pm Drop the Dead Donkey (71) (254991) 11.30pm Bag to Offer Invention, satirical show (71) (16) (18202)
12.00pm Under the Moon: World Cup Special. Denny Kelly looks back at England's performance against Tunisia. To celebrate, call 0800 044444 (calls charged at national rate) (71) (1529009)
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3.30pm Soldier in the Rain (1963) with Steve McQueen, Jackie Gleason and Tuesday Weld. War-time drama about two friends in the army whose relationship is put to the test when one falls in love. Directed by Blake Edwards (709737)
5.10pm The Oprah Winfrey Show: Helping a Drug Addict (143548)
6.00pm 100 Per Cent Game show without a host (4771301)
6.30pm Family Affairs: Holly is persuaded to chat up a local hunk while on holiday (71) (501993)
7.00pm 5 News presented by Kristy Young (71) (716571)
7.30pm Hot Property Series on the ins and outs of buying and selling property, presented by the Deputy Editor of Country Life. Sandy Mitchell (71) (4676757)
8.00pm The Countess (1994, TVM) with Tia Lioni, D.W. Moffet and David R. Beckett. Romantic comedy about a shop assistant who pretends to be a courtesee to impress a rich customer. Ron Lagomarsino directs (37801912)
9.50pm Dr Fox's Chart Update: The latest hits from the Pop Chart (7077488)
5.30pm 100 Per Cent (71) (6087239)

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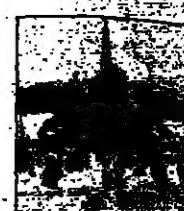


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Goldman on brink of \$30bn float

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

GOLDMAN SACHS will today announce strong support for a \$30 billion (£18.5 billion) float of the investment bank following the results of a secret ballot of its 200 partners. A float could deliver windfalls of around £60 million each for its partners, 37 of whom work in London.

At a weekend meeting, each partner filled out a questionnaire after hearing a presentation on the various options for going public. The ballot papers were yesterday being evaluated by Goldman's six-man executive committee, which includes Jon Corzine and Henry Paulson, the two co-executive chairmen who are in favour of going public.

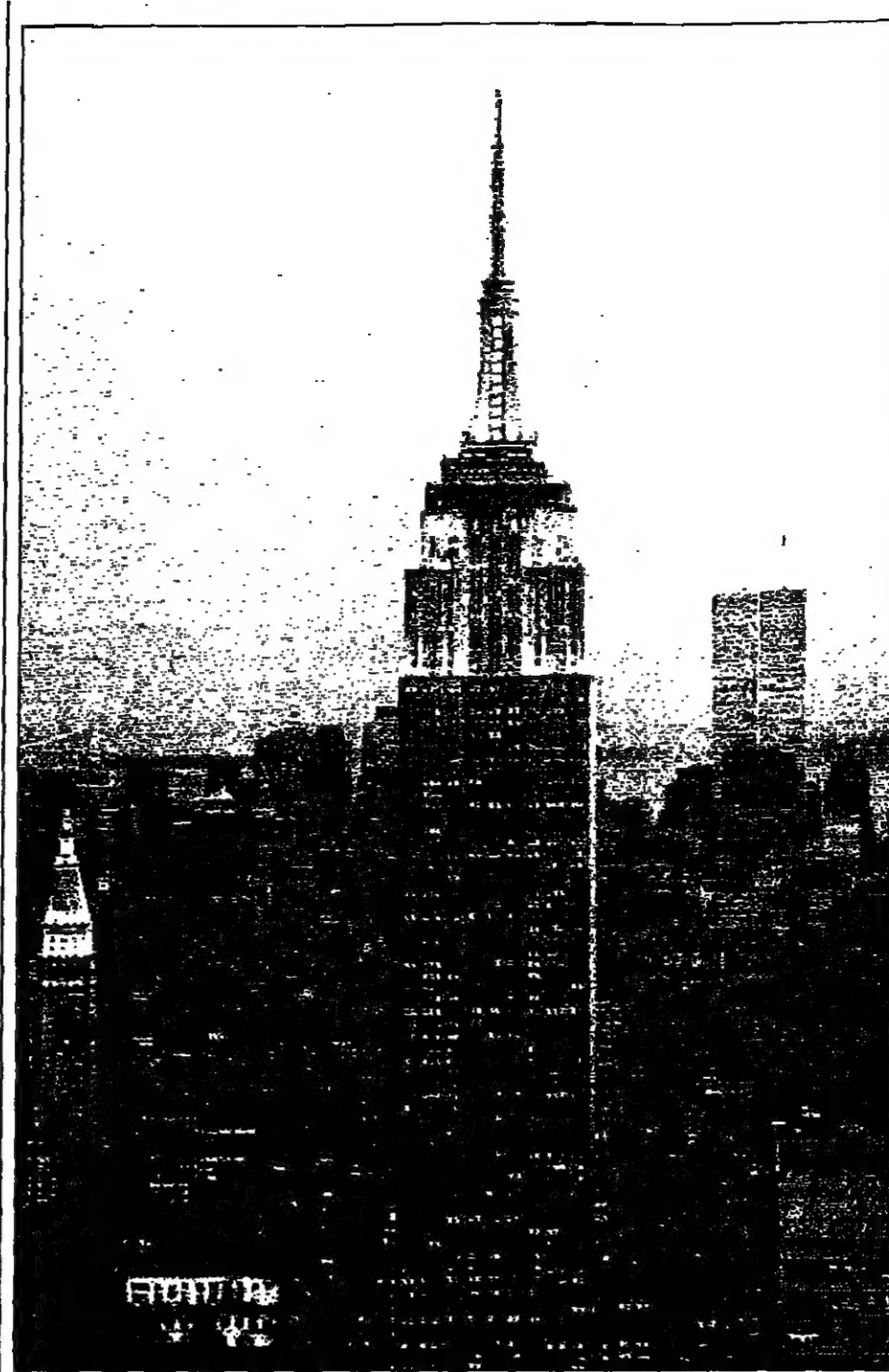
On the ballot paper, the partners could indicate whether they were opposed to the plans or if they had a preference between taking the whole business public or just a slice of it. The partners stand to make between around £60 million each from the sale but some

Partners tempted by public route

THE potential flotation of Goldman Sachs has brought speculation that other partnerships, which had been resistant to taking the public company route, may be tempted to float (Jason Nisse writes).

In the words of the partner at one City firm: "You only get one chance to sell the hard work of your predecessors and the birthright of your successors, so it might as well be while I am a partner."

Most of the merchant banks and stockbrokers, which grew up as partnerships, have either floated on the stock market or sold out. In the City the focus is turning



A ex-Lehman banker's wife has been accused of the theft of New York's Empire State Building

Empire State ownership clouded by family feud

A FORMER Lehman Brothers banker in New York is fighting extradition to France over accusations that he helped his wife to steal properties including the Empire State Building from her father, the 84-year-old Japanese tycoon Hideki Yokoi (Oliver August writes).

New York's famous landmark is owned by a consortium led by Donald Trump which also includes Jean Renoir, formerly of Lehman,

and Kikio Nakahara, the son-in-law and daughter of Mr Yokoi respectively. The couple bought the Empire State for \$40 million (about £25 million) in 1991 at his request and with his money. But his daughter — one of 17 children sired by Mr Yokoi — claims he later gave it to her as a gift.

The purchase of the Empire State building was partly sentimental. But at the time the controversial property

MPC rate rise 'flawed over earnings data'

By JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS EDITOR

A LEADING economist has provided *The Times* with a damning alternative to the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee analysis of average earnings — which led to the latest rise in interest rates — before the publication of earnings figures on Wednesday.

He believes that his results offer firm evidence that underlying earnings growth is nearer to 4 per cent rather than the 5 per cent recently claimed by Mervyn King, Deputy Governor of the Bank of England and a member of the MPC. He said: "The case for crying 'fire' cannot be based on earnings."

Economists, who took issue with the MPC's decision to raise base rates this month,

were stung by an attack on their judgment by Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, at the annual Mansion House banquet last Thursday. Mr George said that criticism of the base rate rise proved that "they had no fury like a wrong-footed financial commentator".

The Office for National Statistics unveils March figures for annual earnings growth on Wednesday. The ONS uses a three-month average. Mr George's figure will be affected by an estimate of pay settlements in April.

□ BDO Stoy Hayward's *Monthly Business Trends*, published today suggests that although economic growth is slowing, it will only fall below its long-term trend rate of 2 per cent in the autumn. This BDO Stoy Hayward suggested could mean that there is still a chance of another base rate rise this summer.

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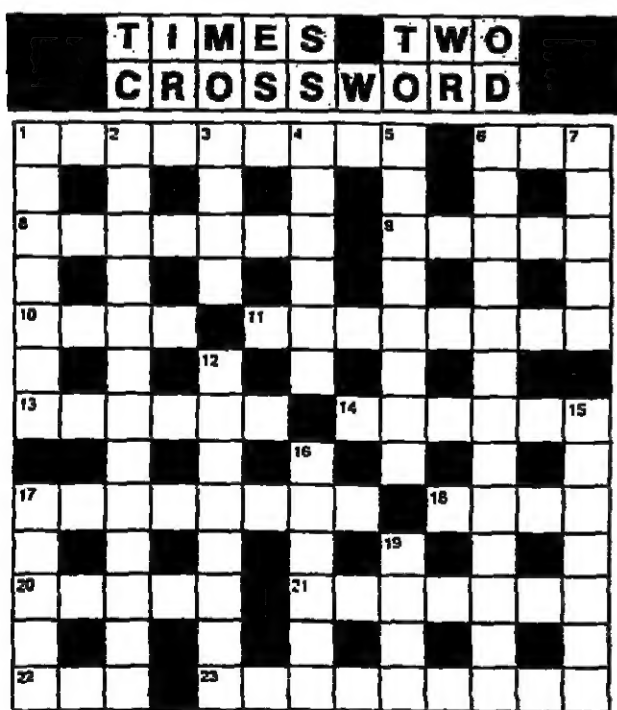
Despair as coal plan is diluted

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE coal industry is poised for up to four more pit closures and 2,000 job losses after a last-minute weakening of government action to protect coal. At the same time, a potential deal on coalfield regeneration with gas companies is likely to ignite a backlash in Labour's former heartlands.

Reassurances of deals for the electricity generators to buy deep-mined coal are likely to mean that they will buy only 20 million tonnes a year, five million fewer than had been originally planned.

RJB Mining is expected to produce about 22 million tonnes this year, while its smaller rivals will mine at least another three million. The shortfall is likely to trigger up to four colliery closures. The likely closure of eight collieries prompted action to protect the industry.



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Millar sued by British Biotech

By JASON NISSE

BRITISH BIOTECH, the pharmaceutical group, is suing Andrew Millar, who it sacked as head of research for passing to *The Times* documents relating to problems with the group's leading drugs and with financial regulators.

In a writ delivered to Dr Millar's home in Oxfordshire on Saturday, British Biotech demands damages for breach of contract of employment and breach of confidentiality.

Dr Millar, who was suspended by British Biotech in March and later sacked, returned documents he used to back up his attacks on his former employer to the company's Oxford headquarters at the end of last month.

British Biotech gained an injunction preventing *The Times* from revealing any information contained in a report into share dealing in



Millar: dismissed

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British Steel to accelerate cost cutting

BRITISH STEEL is to speed up its cost-cutting programme with the likely loss of up to 12,500 jobs (Christine Buckley writes).

The group, which employs 41,000 in the UK and 50,000 worldwide, has been hit by the strength of the pound. Although sterling has recently weakened, the company is facing fresh difficulties in Asia, where its markets have halved.

Already 2,000 jobs have gone in the past year after the company launched a radical programme to reduce costs last spring. First estimates of the full total of job losses — to be completed by 2001 — were 10,000, but it is thought that an accelerated programme will now cut 12,500. Jobs lost will come from the whole spectrum of British Steel's operations although it is expected that middle management will be particularly badly hit.

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Newcastle United v City in dispute about ex-directors

By JASON NISSE

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Bankers vote for \$30bn stock windfall

STREET'S biggest payday was when the go-ahead was given for the \$30 billion float of Goldman Sachs, the US investment bank, voted overwhelmingly in favour of a stock market flotation.

The flotation is expected to take the bank to \$30 billion (£18.5 billion) in value, including chief executive Gavin Davies, who will be in line for the shares worth up to £50 million.

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